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## Iran envoy

HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed yesterday received the credentials of Iran's new Ambassador to Kuwait, Hussein Sadeqi, marking a thaw in relations between the two Gulf states.

As a sign of improvement in relations between Kuwait and Tehran, the Kuwaiti government dispatched a senior minister to represent it at the funeral of the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Another Kuwaiti minister visited Tehran earlier this month to take part in the meetings of the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Maritime Environment.

## Two states decide for joint polls

**NEW DELHI, Oct 18, (Reuters):** Two Indian states decided today to hold state assembly elections at the same time as national polls that could make or break Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state which elects the highest number of members of Parliament, and the southern state of Karnataka joined three other states that have decided to hold joint elections.

Karnataka has been under direct rule from New Delhi for more than six months since the opposition state administration was dismissed by the Rajiv government after losing its majority.

Rajiv surprised the country yesterday by deciding that India's 500 million voters would elect a new lower house of Parliament on Nov 22 and 24, six weeks earlier than absolutely necessary.

Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Sikkim had already decided to hold simultaneous state polls and political sources said more states were expected to follow suit.

The opposition National Front alliance welcomed the decision to hold joint elections but it is certain to add to the political tension in the country.

## Final chapter

## The man - the moment

THE sun is about to set and as the evening shadows begin to lengthen and fall on the Olympic Towers in the heart of New York City, it heralds the culmination of the "final chapter" of the exclusive interview granted to Ahmed Al Jarallah, Chief Editor of the Arab Times by Adnan Khashoggi who during this period will go down in the annals of history as "the momentous life of the man, the moment, Adnan Khashoggi". It is the final chapter in the life of a "bedouin" who has come to be equated with "the richest man in the world."

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## Pakistani bus blast kills eight, injures 30

**ISLAMABAD, Oct 18, (Reuters):** Eight people were killed and 30 wounded today by a powerful explosion in a bus in northwestern Pakistan, the official news agency APP said.

The bus was travelling in Punjab province between the towns of Wazirabad and Gujrat on the Grand Trunk Road linking Lahore, the provincial capital, and Islamabad.

It had set out from Sialkot, near the border with the Indian-held part of the disputed Himalayan state Kashmir.

It was not immediately clear whether the blast was

caused by a bomb or just an accident. A series of unexplained bomb attacks in northern Pakistan has taken at least 19 lives since April. An earlier wave of attacks in 1987 and 1988 killed about 300 people.

Pakistani officials have in the past blamed agents of the Soviet-backed Afghan government, a charge denied in Kabul.

Most of the bombs during the summer were in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, where Afghan rebels have their headquarters.

# Quake hits California, 272 crushed to death

Hundreds injured in 'concrete-sandwich'; aftershocks rumble

**OAKLAND, California, Oct 18, (Agencies):** Aftershocks rumbled today as crews searched for motorists under an elevated highway collapsed by an earthquake that jolted northern California, killing more than 270 people and injuring hundreds.

The magnitude of the tremor, the second deadliest in US history, emerged slowly as officials made contact with hard-hit areas, where many telephones were cut off.

Last evening's quake, measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale, collapsed buildings across nearly 100 miles (160 kilometres), along with the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge and at two spans in the Santa Cruz area 75 miles (120 kilometres) to the south.

## Egypt, Libya to set up bureaus

Step towards ties

**CAIRO, Oct 18, (Agencies):** President Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, agreed yesterday on what appeared to be the first step toward resuming diplomatic relations.

The Middle East News Agency quoted Egyptian Information Minister Safwat El Sherif as saying that the two countries have "agreed to open a Bureau for the Libyan Jamahiriya in Cairo and a bureau for Egypt in Tripoli."

El-Sherif's one-sentence statement did not elaborate on the functions of such offices but indicated the two countries are dealing with the issue of resuming diplomatic relations with cautiousness.

Libya calls its diplomatic missions abroad "people's bureaus."

The step, if it led to establishment of diplomatic relations, would be a big concession by Khaddafi who has been vowing he would not maintain a diplomatic mission in Egypt as long as it hosts an Israeli embassy.

The announcement was made shortly after Mubarak returned home yesterday from a brief visit to Libya where he held a second round of reconciliation talks with Khaddafi.

Mubarak did not talk to reporters upon arrival at Cairo airport from the Libyan border town of Tobruk where the talks were held.

His trip came a day after the US State Department appeared to frown upon Mubarak's dialogue with the Libyan leader because of Khaddafi's alleged support of international terrorism.

Mubarak's visit was the first by an Egyptian head of state in 18 years. The last such visit was by Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, in 1971.

The state-run news agency reported from Tobruk that Mubarak flew in earlier in the day from Egypt's Mediterranean resort of Mersa Matruh.

Khaddafi visited Mersa Matruh for six hours on Monday and spent almost half that time conferring with Mubarak.

Severed gas lines sparked fires, including one in San Francisco that burned a block of buildings, but all were out or under control by this morning. As many as one million people were left without electricity and other services.

"The devastation is just horrible and we're just shocked," said Gov. George Deukmejian, who cut short a trade mission to West Germany.

Lieut Gov. Leo McCarthy said damage would total "the better part of \$1 billion."

In Washington, President George Bush signed a disaster-relief declaration and said, "We will take every step and make every effort" to help. Bush also sent Vice-President Dan Quayle and Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner to assess damage.

State emergency services spokesman John Peterson said at least 272 people were killed and 650 injured. At least 253 people died when a mile (1.6 kilometres) of the upper level of Interstate 880 in Oakland collapsed, said Dave Wilson of the State Office of Emergency Services.

The highway crushed vehicles and people in a mile-long "concrete sandwich" on the lower level. Television reports showed smoke coming out of the crack between the concrete slabs, which emergency workers said were about 18 inches (45 centimetres) apart.

"You could hear it crunching down - but you couldn't see anything. It was just a big white cloud," said Leroy Fitzgerald, who works nearby. "You could hear people screaming for help."

Tractors, bulldozers and dump trucks were called out, and trucks and vans took bodies from the site this morning.

The quake hit yesterday along a segment of the San Andreas Fault eight miles (13 kilometres) northeast of Santa Cruz. At least four aftershocks were recorded, including one that measured 4.5 on the Richter scale.

The quake was felt in Reno, Nevada, 225 miles (360 kilometres) to the northeast, and shook high-rises in Los Angeles, 350 miles (560 kilometres) south of San Francisco.

"You could see dozens, huge booms of smoke going into the air," said Greg Higgins, who was driving near Santa Cruz when the tremor hit. "It was complete pandemonium."

Forty buildings collapsed in Santa Cruz and Watsonville. Santa Cruz county emergency services co-ordinator Dina Phillips estimated \$350 million in damage.

In Los Gatos, also to the south, police chief Larry Todd said many buildings had collapsed and there were some reports of looting.

The California highway patrol reported a building in downtown Hollister collapsed, as did a bridge on a nearby highway, the US television network CBS reported.

The quake sent thousands of terrified office workers rushing into the streets of Oakland and San Francisco, and many remained stranded hours later.

"I've never been through anything like this in my life," said Mary Garcia, who works in Oakland's Clorox building. "I was on the 17th floor and the building just rocked and rocked. I was scared out of my mind coming down the 17 floors."

Authorities urged people to fill bathtubs in case water was cut off. San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos urged commuters to stay home today rather than taxing the transportation system, crippled by the closing of the Bay

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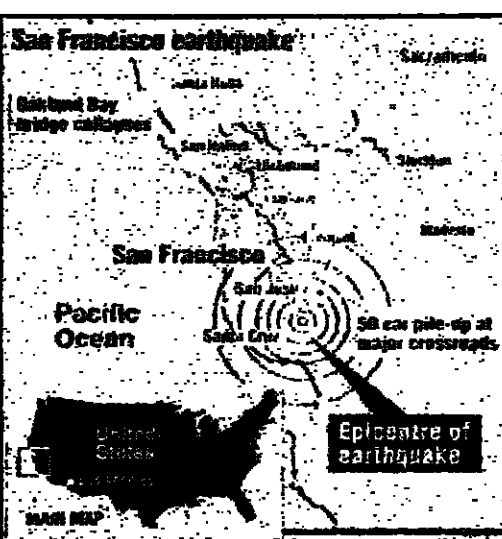
Rescue workers aid an injured motorist from the damaged Interstate 880 freeway in Oakland, California.



Cars lie in a massive crack after part of the San Francisco Bay Bridge collapsed following the earthquake.



Passersby clear bricks and other rubble from atop parked cars searching for possible victims in San Francisco.



Graphic depicts the area around San Francisco where the earthquake struck.



Two firefighters walk away from a destroyed apartment. (Reuters wirephotos)

## Quake a warning of a larger one, says USGS

**WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP):** The San Francisco earthquake today was "a good warning," the head of the US Geological Survey said.

"The question is not whether a big earthquake is coming. The question is when," said Dallas Peck, director of the service, in an interview.

Tuesday's quake was "not a trivial earthquake, but it was not a 1906 earthquake," Peck said.

The Survey's geologists estimated the magnitude of yesterday's tremor at anywhere from 6.2 to 6.9 on the Richter scale. The 1906 quake, in which some 500 people died, has been estimated at up to 8.3.

Yesterday's quake "is telling us we've got a lot to learn and to do better," strengthening buildings and other structures to withstand a major quake, Peck said.

In July 1988, a committee of experts convened by the geological survey was more worried about southern California than the San Francisco area.

The committee estimated that a major quake — one measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale — had a 50 per cent chance of occurring in the San Francisco area along the San Andreas Fault, which was involved in yesterday's shocks.

## Commonwealth welcomes Pakistan - Page 2

## Erich quits in GDR shake-up

**BERLIN, Oct 18, (Agencies):** Erich Honecker was replaced as Communist Party chief today, ending 18 years of iron-fisted rule as the government grapples with street protests and growing public demands for democracy.

State news media said the Communist Party leadership replaced the 77-year-old Honecker with Egon Krenz, a 52-year-old Politburo member in charge of security who is an orthodox party member with a reputation as a hardliner.

Two other key members of the ruling Politburo also lost their positions in the shakeup.

The government-run news agency ADN said Honecker asked to be relieved of his official duties for health reasons. Honecker has reportedly been in ill health following a gall bladder operation in August.

But the East German leader also had been under increasing pressure to resign after a wave of protests swept the country and pro-democracy movements picked up growing support.

Krenz said in a broadcast interview that he was taking over the leadership at a difficult time for the nation.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said the choice of Krenz was a prompt reaction to current demands for renewal and French President Francois Mitterrand said Honecker's departure heralded fundamental changes in East Germany.

US President George Bush said it was too early to say if the change would mean more openness in East Germany while West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Krenz would be judged by whether he brought in reforms or merely defended the communists' hold on power.

In an interview with East German television and carried by West Germany's ARD television network, Krenz said, "I realise this is a difficult task that I have taken over."

"In this very complicated time there is much work before us. Work, work and more work, but this is work that we should undertake gladly in order to improve the situation for everyone," he said.

Despite Krenz' reputation for communist orthodoxy, party sources said he decided to call on police to stop beating pro-democracy demonstrators earlier this month in East Berlin and Dresden.

**Relieved**  
Politburo member Joachim Herrman, 60, who was in charge of the nation's media, and Guenter Mittag, 63, the architect of East Germany's economic policy, "were relieved of their functions," ADN reported.

It said both men had lost their posts on the central committee and the Politburo, and that Mittag will be relieved of his duties as deputy head of state.

The leadership shakeup has viewed in some quarters as an attempt to placate growing public demands for a freer press and economic reforms.

The demonstrations calling for reform have been the largest in the nation's 40-year history, and followed an exodus of tens of thousands of the nation's citizens that already has caused serious economic problems.

However, Communist Party leaders have made clear they will resist pro-democracy movements like those under way in Warsaw Pact allies Poland and Hungary.

Honecker, who directed the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961, will also be relieved of his largely ceremonial post as head of state and his position as chief of the nation's military, ADN said.



Egon Krenz, new leader



## Lankan army to fill vacuum

Total Indian pullout by Oct 25

COLOMBO, Oct 18, (Kuna): Indian troops have begun to pull out from the eastern province of Sri Lanka and for the first time under the Sept 18 joint communiqué between the two countries. The vacuum created by the departing Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) will be filled by the Lankan police and the army, Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said today.

The minister, briefing the press, said the Indian authorities had assured the withdrawal process will be completed by Oct 25 and more than 5,000 Indian soldiers will return home.

Since July 29, which marked the second anniversary of the Indo-Lanka peace accord, some 2,000 Indians had left, and about 40,000 troops still remain in Sri Lanka but the Lankan police or the army were not deployed to substitute the Indians who were pulled out, military sources said.

Wijeratne said that at least 100 policemen will be deployed each to the 52 police stations in the north and east and additional strength, if needed, would be drawn from the Civil Volunteer Force (CVF) numbering about 1,500 raised by the north east

provincial council.

General elections in India scheduled for November will make no difference to the withdrawal of Indian troops, Wijeratne said.

"No, why should it," said Wijeratne when a reporter suggested the elections planned for Nov 22 and 24 could have an impact on the withdrawal.

Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has said he will make all efforts to pull back the remaining 40,000 troops by Dec 31.

Residents and diplomats have said they fear the two main rival Tamil groups, the Tigers and the EPRLF, will clash for supremacy in the northeast, triggering a bloodbath.

Replying to queries from the press, Wijeratne said the government will take to task the Chief Minister Vartharajah Perumal if he attempted to use a private army, said to number 30,000, against the state.

Perumal, also the leader of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF), threatened to act unilaterally if the governments of India and Sri Lanka proceeded to act on their own without consulting his provincial council.

## Polls may spark riots in India

NEW DELHI, Oct 18, (Reuters): Nearly 50 people have died in India in the past few weeks in Hindu-Muslim violence that could worsen in the coming election campaign.

Tension which has been rising across a wide swathe of India, from Gujarat in the west to Uttar Pradesh in the north, could reach flashpoint next month before national elections on Nov 22 and 24.

The focus of the violence is the town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh where Hindus and Muslims are locked in a bitter dispute over a shrine both communities claim.

Hindu militants plan to start building a new shrine close to the old on Nov 9, which is sure to inflame the Muslim minority whose vote could be crucial in a number of seats.

"Even as the flames of communal passion are being systematically stoked with an eye to the elections, a great deal of posturing by politicians is taking place," the respected Times of India newspaper said in an editorial.

"It is apparent that many (politicians) are covertly inciting or at least turning a blind eye towards the agents provoking communal violence."

Rajni Kothari of the Independent Centre for the Study of Developing Societies said it was clear that politicians were using the communal tensions for political purposes.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, accused by the opposition of involvement in a massive corruption scandal, has to retain its traditional Muslim voters, she said.

One in eight of India's 800 million people are Muslims and their vote is crucial in parts of the northern Hindi-speaking belt where nearly half the lower house seats are decided.

## Top Filipino radio executive shot dead

Cory expresses great concern

MANILA, Oct 18, (AP): President Corason Aquino expressed "great concern and sadness" today over the assassination of a radio executive in the central Philippines, saying it was a violation of human rights and an attack on press freedom.

Rino Arcones, area manager of Dyfim radio in Iloilo, was shot near his home yesterday by two unidentified assassins with .45-calibre pistols as he was waiting for a ride to work.

Iloilo is about 290 miles (465 kms) southeast of Manila.

"The treacherous attack on the hard-hitting radio personality was

not only a violation of his human right to live and practice his profession peacefully. It was an affront to press freedom," Aquino said in a statement.

"I condole with his grieving family. May they find solace in the thought he died in the line of duty to protect and preserve our democratic system," she said.

Police said there were no leads to the killers, although they blamed it on communist assassins, said Angelo Palmones of station Dzd in Manila, an affiliate of Dyfim.

Benazir applauded at Chogm

## Pakistan back to fold

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18, (Agencies): The Commonwealth welcomed Pakistan enthusiastically back to the fold today after 17 years absence.

"This is a very special day for the Commonwealth," Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told the biennial summit (Chogm) of the 49-member organisation that grew out of Britain's former empire.

"Your presence here is a major symbol of support for those of us who believe in freedom and tolerance," he told Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to loud and sustained applause from Commonwealth leaders and their delegations.

Host Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia was applauded loudly earlier when he said in his opening address: "Pakistan's return to this family of nations will no doubt enrich our discussion and help strengthen Commonwealth collective action."

Benazir, clad in bright Islamic green, was the main focus of attention from the moment she arrived at the conference hall.

There was a spontaneous gasp and applause from those inside

as closed-circuit television showed her arrival.

Her speech, one of six at the opening session, won more applause than others despite being less in substance.

Benazir, whose father led Pakistan out of the Commonwealth in 1972 when it recognised the independence of Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, said it was a great honour to lead her country back.

"Indeed we are grateful to all the members of the Commonwealth who have unanimously welcomed us back," she said.

She called on rich nations to open their markets to Third World countries wracked by poverty and debt.

"The poorer countries need help and assistance" to balance environmental protection with economic development, Benazir told the 2,000 delegates attending the meeting.

The 36-year-old Benazir, called for a long term and self-sustaining strategy to ease the ravages of restrictive tariffs on debt-ridden nations.

"The economic problems of development are of such magnitude that mere periodic

infusions of aid cannot resolve them, she said.

She received a particularly warm reception from Commonwealth general-secretary Sridath Ramphal.

"What a great joy it is to have the democratically elected leader of Pakistan welcomed back in the family of the Commonwealth," Ramphal said.

As chairperson of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, Benazir said she felt a "special responsibility" to promote peace.

She praised moves to turn war-ravaged Cambodia into a democracy following the pullout of Vietnamese troops. "It is now for them (the Cambodians) to decide their own future democratically free from outside interference," she said.

Benazir said today the situation in the Middle East continued to cause concern while initiatives which gave rise to hope had so far run into Israeli intransigence.

"This is the major obstacle in the way of removing underlying tensions and might open the possibility of further conflict," she said.

## Shuttle Atlantis finally lifts off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 18, (UPI): The crew of the shuttle Atlantis rocketed toward space today on a long-awaited, five-day flight to fire the \$1.4 billion nuclear-powered Galileo probe on a six-year voyage to Jupiter.

The \$2 billion spaceplane thundred to life at 12:54 am (16:54 GMT) — one day after rain showers forced a delay — and vaulted away despite the protests of anti-nuclear activists who claimed Galileo's nuclear generators could leak plutonium in a disaster.

Liftoff came four minutes late because of bad weather at an emergency landing site in Africa. Unlike yesterday, when liftoff was cancelled due to rain at the Kennedy Space Centre, conditions were acceptable for launch today.

With commander Donald Williams, 47, and co-pilot Michel McCulley, 46, at the controls, Atlantis streaked majestically skyward atop twin pillars of flame, thrilling thousands of spectators as the ship's two 14-storey solid-fuel boosters roared over the launch site.

Williams, McCulley, flight engineer Franklin Chang-Diaz, 39, Shannon Lucid, 46, and Ellen Baker, 36, planned to launch the Galileo spacecraft six hours and 22 minutes after liftoff.

Atlantis is scheduled to land Monday at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

Launch of the sixth post-Challenger mission originally was scheduled for Oct 12 but work to replace a faulty main engine computer delayed the mission until yesterday, when rain near the shuttle's emergency runway forced another slip.

## Delay in second day of British-Argentina talks

MADRID, Spain, Oct 18, (AP): The start of the second day of talks aimed at restoring ties between Argentina and Britain severed during their 1982 war over the Falkland Islands was delayed today as delegation chiefs met separately, then withdrew to work out details with their respective teams.

"I had a meeting with my colleague at 9.30, and needless to say, we'll change our schedules according to what seems best to

us," British delegation chief and United Nations Ambassador Crispin Tickell said before the second day's session got underway at 11.30 am (1030 GMT) at the Argentine Embassy residence.

Tickell said he and his counterpart Argentine roving Ambassador Lucio Garcia Del Solar would present a communique tomorrow on the results of the first round of formal talks between the two nations since the

end of the 74-day war over the British colony in the South Atlantic that claimed nearly 1,000 lives.

Neither side would comment on the agenda, but it was believed the first stumbling block was the working out of a protocol under which both countries would agree that any outcome of the talks would not affect their claims of sovereignty over the 200-odd wind-swept islands.

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Yesterday, 34 officers and enlisted men assigned with the military's drug enforcement agency were relieved in the wake of Sen. Ernesto Herrera's charge last week that narcotics investigators were protecting drug lords.

In addition, Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumlaog, chief of the criminal investigation service and former head of the narcotics command, announced that he was going on leave. Dumlaog led some 19 officials who Herrera accused.

Typhoon Elsie, the strongest storm to threaten the Philippines this year, churned closer to northern Luzon island today, and weathermen issued warnings for at least five provinces.

Manalo said at least five provinces have been put on typhoon alert. Elsie is the strongest to strike the country this year, he added.

Immigration agents have arrested a suspected member of a Japanese crime syndicate wanted in Tokyo for smuggling marijuana, officials said today.

Bienvenido Alano, chief of the commission on immigration and deportation, said Hiroshi Itagi, 47, of Tokyo, was arrested yesterday at the coffee shop of the Prince Bayview hotel in Manila's tourist district of Ermita.

### Cancer risk: Alar sale off

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (Kuna): Following evidence that it poses a significant risk of cancer, the manufacturer of an apple ripening agent has ended the chemical's use by the halting most overseas sales of it.

The manufacturer, the Urinary Chemical Company Inc., confirmed the move today, saying four months after it had sought to calm consumer fears about apple products by halting domestic sales of the chemical, damozide marketed for use on produce under the trade name Alar.

The country has also asked the Environmental Protection Agency to cancel formally its registration for use of damozide on food products in the United States, said Dr John Lescage.

### Princess Gina dies

VADUZ, Oct 18, (UPI): Princess Gina of Liechtenstein, wife of the principality's ruler Franz Josef II, died after a long illness today one week before her 68th birthday.

Black flags appeared throughout the tiny country of just 28,000 people and covering 61 square miles (157 square kilometres) — slightly smaller than Washington, DC.

Princess Gina, born Oct 24, 1921, as the Countess of Wilczek married Franz Josef II in 1943 and was widely admired and loved by Liechtensteiners. She was deeply involved in charity work.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

**WASHINGTON:** US lawmakers on Tuesday approved a bill giving permanent resident status to registered nurses who would otherwise be forced to return to their native countries.

The bill, approved by voice vote and sent to the Senate, would exempt the nurses, including thousands from the Philippines, from the ceilings on visa allotments because of the current shortage of nurses in the United States. (AP)

**FRESNO, California:** A 14-year-old boy using a \$200 home computer broke into a bank's credit accounts, illegally bought thousands of dollars of mail-order merchandise and shared his ill-gotten data with hackers nationwide, police said on Tuesday.

The boy, who was unidentified, broke Citibank's access codes in August and used them in his purchase scheme. (UPI)

**NEW YORK:** Possibly the most valuable collection of art ever to come to auction—estimated as high as \$130 million—went on Sotheby's block on Wednesday night.

The private collection of paintings by Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, Pissarro, Renoir, and Degas among others belonged to Campbell Soup heir John D'Amico Jr., who died last April. (Reuters)

**WARSAW, Poland:** Poles paid homage to their beloved native composer Frederic Chopin on Tuesday on the 140th anniversary of his death with a performance of Chopin's requiem in the church where the composer's heart was interred.

Breast cancer

High BP: lesser risk

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, (Reuters):** Women who experience high blood pressure during pregnancy have a 27 per cent less chance of contracting breast cancer, scientists reported yesterday.

The researchers, writing in the October 18 issue of the *National Cancer Institute*, said the risk reduction appeared linked to elevated levels of a foetal protein commonly found in the blood of pregnant women.

The protein, known as alpha-fetoprotein, is produced by the foetal liver and is also found in trace amounts in the amniotic fluid that surrounds the foetus in the womb.

In studies in rats, the protein has previously been found to block oestrogen-stimulated growth of the uterus and to cause shrinkage in oestrogen-dependent breast cancers, the researchers said.

where the composer's heart was interred.

The gala concert in Holy Cross Church, near the academy where Chopin studied music and performed as a pianist in his youth, was attended by high ranking members of the government, leading Polish cultural figures and Roman Catholic primate Jozef Glemp. (AP)

Reagan wonders: was it a setup?

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, (AP):** Former President Ronald Reagan says he wonders now whether Iran-Contra affair during his second term in the White House wasn't "a setup, a sting operation, by the Iranians."

Reagan's latest comment on the most controversial foreign policy initiative of his eight years in office comes in a new book, "Speaking My Mind," published by Simon and Schuster.

The book is a collection of speeches, each preceded by a short essay containing Reagan's reflection on the subject or the occasion.

One of the speeches is his March 4, 1987, address after the release of a report on his administration's decision to sell arms to Iran while seeking Iranian help for the release of American hostages.

The Tower Commission, appointed by Reagan to look into the controversy, said his decision to sell arms to Iran "rewarded a regime that clearly supported terrorism and hostage-taking."

Reagan, in his speech, took responsibility for things that had "happened on my watch," but also said he "didn't ask enough about the specifics of the total Iran plan."

He has since said there are many aspects of the affair he still does not understand.

In his new remarks, the former president defended the initiative although he said that "something clearly went wrong with our original plan."

"I'm going to cover this more completely in my memoirs," he wrote, "but I get beside myself when I think that people believe I would actually trade arms for hostages."

"I did not see it as trading arms for hostages because we were dealing with Iranian intermediaries, not the kidnappers themselves," said Reagan. "I know it may be a fine line to most people, but it's what I believed then and what I still believe."

"I have to say that in looking back I wonder if this whole thing wasn't a setup, a sting operation, by the Iranians," said the former president. "Maybe we were conned into believing these were moderate Iranians seeking to reach out to the West, while in reality they were working directly for the Ayatollah just to get some arms. Who knows?"

The episode became known as the Iran-Contra affair because some of the sale proceeds were diverted to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, whose fight against the country's leftist regime was strongly backed by Reagan.

Judicial workers go on strike in Bogota

Protest colleague's murder

**BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct. 18, (AP):** The country's judges went on strike to protest a colleague's assassination and gunmen claimed another life in the news industry, the eighth since Colombia launched its all-out war on cocaine barons.

An anonymous caller claiming to speak for drug traffickers took responsibility for yesterday's killing of Hector Jimenez Rodriguez, a federal appeals court judge in the cocaine trafficking centre of Medellin.

Hours later in Medellin, assassins gunned down radio journalist Diego Vargas Escobar in similar fashion, police said.

The slaying of Jimenez, 55, sparked a three-day strike by about 17,000 judicial workers, including most of Colombia's judges, to demand more protection from drug gangs.

Traffickers seek through murder, bombings and threats to force an end to the government crackdown on Colombia's cocaine cartels, launched after the Aug 18 slaying of presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, an anti-drug crusader.

Vargas Escobar, 54, was the eighth news industry worker slain since the crackdown began. A radio journalist said Vargas Escobar, who worked for the Medellin station La Voz De Las Americas, had received death threats recently.

The journalist, who did not want to be identified for security reasons, said he did not know who made the threats.

In anonymous calls to radio stations last week, the extrajudicial alleged traffickers wanted in the United States—claimed responsibility for the slayings of a newspaper circulation manager and officer administrator in Medellin.

Police said Jimenez was about to step into the car of a colleague outside his home when two men pulled up on a motorcycle and one stroled over and shot the judge six times.

An anonymous caller told a radio station in Medellin that the extrajudicials killed him in retaliation for the extradition of Colombian drug suspects to the United States.

Colombia has extradited four suspects since President Virgilio Barco initiated the crackdown, and the extrajudicials have promised that they would kill 10 judges for every drug dealer extradited.

None of the 12 alleged top Colombian drug bosses wanted by the United States have been captured, but the government has seized millions of dollars in their alleged assets.

Jimenez was a federal appeals court judge for 20 years in Medellin. All federal judges in the city have handled drug matters.

The court workers' union declared a 72-hour strike to demand more protection for the judicial branch.

Various figures are given on the number of judges slain in Colombia. The court workers' union says 221 court employees, including 42 judges, have been killed during the past 12 years, many of them by drug traffickers.

Children sexually abused

**ALLEGAN, Michigan, Oct. 18, (UPI):** A 13-year-old boy and his 15-year-old sister told a judge on Tuesday their mother forced them to have sex with various men several times a week over a two-to-three-year period.

After hearing the children's testimony, Allegan district judge Harry Beach ordered their mother, Carolyn A. Wilson, 42, and co-defendant Annette Sanford, 34, to stand trial on sex charges.

Wilson and Sanford, believed by authorities and their children to be half sisters and lovers, will be arraigned on Oct. 20 on three counts each of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one each of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Wilson also faces an Oct. 24 preliminary hearing on an additional count of child cruelty. Both women were held in the Allegan county jail in lieu of \$5,000 bonds.

Prosecutors said the women forced a boy and four girls, now from 9 to 15, and an 18-year-old mentally retarded girl to have sex with men from September 1985 until May 1988 when the children were placed in foster-care homes. Both women deny the charges.

Speaking barely above a whisper, Wilson's son, Michael, now 13, testified he was forced to have sex with various men up to three of four times a week when the families shared a rented home.

Michael said his mother and Sanford would go in a back room with the men. Then he and his sisters and three cousins would be instructed to line up, and one would be picked.

He said the men, all strangers to him, came to the house at all times of the day and night.

Debate over ban on CIA

Senators welcome clarification

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 18, (Reuters):** Lawmakers say they welcome clarification of a US ban against assassinating foreign leaders but they dispute government suggestions that the ban might have prevented US help for the attempt in Panama two weeks ago.

Senate Intelligence Committee chairman David Boren said yesterday that he told President George Bush the committee would promptly consider any administration proposals to clarify that the ban does not necessarily prohibit US help for a coup because of the possibility of a foreign leader being killed.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said earlier in the day that Bush would not alter the assassination ban but did want to discuss the clarification with Congress.

"We're saying we're opposed to assassinations," Fitzwater said. "But there's clarification needed on other kinds of activities, and we want to discuss it with the Congress."

Boren said he told Bush at a White House meeting last week that he agreed the assassination ban might be ambiguous.

But carrying a dispute that began shortly after the Oct 3 coup attempt, Boren and other senators challenged administration suggestions that the assassination ban might have prevented US help for the coup attempt against Panamanian strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

With the sort of thing you had in Panama, I don't think by the greatest stretch of the imagination should that be a consideration," Boren said.

Senators Sam Nunn, a Georgia Democrat and member of the committee, said the assassination ban was not relevant to the coup attempt in Panama because Noriega, much less assassinate him.

Fitzwater said Bush shared Webster's concerns and confirmed his advisers were discussing the situation with congressional leaders.

"There is a wide variety of interpretations and issues to be discussed," Fitzwater said.



A man attending an all night vigil in the Central Cathedral in support of the dialogue between FMLN and Arena government. (Reuters wire-photo)

Agreement in sight

Salvador peace talks

**SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Oct. 18, (AP):** Leftist rebels and government negotiators broke an impasse and extended talks today to halt the fighting in El Salvador's decade-old civil war.

Both sides agreed to extend the two-day session of talks one more day in response to a personal appeal by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who won the 1987 Nobel peace prize for his plans to end three wars that have ravaged Central America.

"There are agreements. The meeting has been saved. It was already known that this would be a critical meeting," said Salvadoran Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez, who has been monitoring the talks.

"We know the (peace) process will continue and there is more than a mere agreement to continue meeting," he added but refused to give details of what accords have been reached, saying the two sides had pledged not to commit any more until today's session ends.

Both sides had appeared to call a ceasefire in the war that killed more than 70,000 people, but they differed sharply on the terms and how to go about it.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Headscarves

PARIS, Oct 18, (Reuters): French Education Minister Lionel Jospin, moving to stem controversy over the banning of Islamic headscarves in schools, yesterday said students cannot be expelled for wearing ethnic clothes.

"French schools must welcome all children. The wearing of a headscarf must not lead to their expulsion," Jospin said on television.

His statement follows the dismissal of three Muslim teen-age girls in September from a school north of Paris for wearing scarves, and the refusal this month by a Marseille headmaster to enroll a girl dressed in Islamic clothes.

## Tank explodes

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Oct 18, (AP): Three persons were killed and three injured when a storage tank containing toxic chemicals exploded yesterday, police said.

The storage tank, owned by Paktank and located in Rotterdam's Botlek port area 10 kilometres (6 miles) from the city centre, exploded and caught fire at around 9.40 am (0840 GMT), according to police spokesman Hans Stoop.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known, he said. The victims, all of them members of a maintenance crew at work on the tank involved, were not identified pending notification of next of kin.

## Deadly biscuits

JAKARTA, Oct 18, (Reuters): Indonesia ordered five factories to close because they baked poisonous biscuits that killed 36 children, Minister of Security and Political Affairs Sudomo said today.

The deadly biscuits, which were mistakenly made with toxic sodium nitrate, claimed their first victims in August. They were distributed nationally and killed children in both Java and Sumatra, Sudomo said.

## Food poisoning

MOSCOW, Oct 18, (Reuters): More than 300 Moscow University students have fallen ill with food poisoning after eating liver at a university cafeteria, the communist youth daily Moskovsky Komsomlets reported yesterday.

It said analysis showed some of the 292 people taken to hospital had salmonella food poisoning. Others running high temperatures and complaining of stomach pains were being treated at home.

The campus cafeteria had been closed and staff members were undergoing medical checks, it said.

## Lost touch

VATICAN CITY, Oct 18, (Reuters): Modern man appears to have lost touch with the meaning of life and death because of advances in genetic engineering, abortion and medicine, Pope John Paul II said yesterday.

"The church has a duty to help contemporary man recover the sense of life and death which in many cases today seems to be slipping away from him," he told a meeting of European bishops.

## Farley dies

SARASOTA, Florida, Oct 18, (AP): Walter L. Farley, whose "Black stallion" books stirred the imaginations of millions of young readers and was the basis of an Academy award-winning movie, died after suffering a heart attack. He was 73.

Farley, who was admitted to Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Sunday, died Monday evening.

## Hashish seized

ATHENS, Greece, Oct 18, (AP): Narcotics agents disguised as hunters raided a country house on the island of Ikaria and uncovered 463 kilograms (1,019 pounds) of hashish. Three people were arrested, including a widowed grandmother, police said yesterday.

A police spokesman said that seven agents had been watching the home of Irene Megalocoumou, 75, on the outskirts of the village of Evdhilos for two days before raiding it early on Monday morning.

The hashish, with a street value of about 250 million drachmas (\$1.47 million), was found under floorboards and in a store room, the officer said speaking on condition of anonymity.



Bridie Brennan (right) with her sister Ann McKennan celebrate the news that their brother Conlon is to be released from prison. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Anglo-Irish talks

## Tension eased

BELFAST, Oct 18, (Reuters): British and Irish ministers locked horns today over Dublin's demands for major reforms in a controversial Northern Ireland army regiment made up mostly of Protestant troops.

But the atmosphere at the talks was improved after Britain signalled yesterday it would free four alleged IRA supporters jailed in 1974 for English pub bombings that killed seven people.

Irish Foreign Minister Gerry Collins flew in by helicopter to Belfast's Stormont castle for his latest round of talks with Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke.

"I am expecting progress," Collins said as he headed into the talks. Anglo-Irish relations have soured in the past two months over a widening security scandal that has angered Dublin and deeply embarrassed London.

A string of intelligence files on Irish Republican Army suspects went missing and authorities fear rogue British soldiers and policemen may have leaked them to Protestant killer gangs fighting to keep the north British.

The British government said yesterday it will stop fighting the appeals of three men and a woman imprisoned for 14 years for IRA bombings aimed at British soldiers. The Irish government and civil libertarians cheered the move.

## Sigh of relief for Waldheim

## UK report clears charges

VIENNA, Oct 18, (AP): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim expressed gratification at a British Ministry of Defence report clearing him of allegations of involvement in the execution of British prisoners of war in wartime Greece.

"The report fills me, of course, with great satisfaction," Waldheim said yesterday in an Austrian public television interview. He also expressed hope the report would improve his international standing.

The 117-page document said Waldheim could not be held responsible for the execution of the British prisoners of war, though he was probably aware of their fate. Six British commandos were captured in April 1944 and later executed by the German army.

Interpreting the report of the British government in a much wider sense, Waldheim said it "confirms" my previous statements that I was not involved in any actions during the wartime which might substantiate a culpable conduct on my part.

Repeatedly Waldheim pointed out in the interview that the British investigation made clear he would not have ordered reprehensible acts as a junior intelligence officer.

"The report also makes clear that I held such a low service rank that I had neither command power nor could I influence events in any way, that I could not prevent anything, such as reprisal actions and so on... that seems important to me," the president said.

Waldheim declared he also deemed important the conclusion in the report that knowledge of reprisal actions "is not a crime."

In the interview, Waldheim again denied the questioner's remark that he was internationally "rather isolated."

"I think I am in contact with the essential countries. What is more I know them (these countries) and their representatives" from his time as UN secretary-general, he stated.

"I am not a prophet, but I do believe that this result will have positive repercussions internationally," Waldheim said.

But earlier in the day, Neal Sher, head of the US Justice Department's office of special investigations, said in Washington that Waldheim was still banned from entering the United States.

## Wonder drug for transplants

## Stunning success

NEW YORK, Oct 18, (AP): An experimental drug that prevents the rejection of transplanted organs has shown stunning early success and is being touted as a wonder drug, according to a report published today.

The drug, FX-506, has produced fewer side effects than cyclosporine, the major anti-rejection drug now being used, and has proved more effective, the New York Times reported.

The new drug has reversed the rejection of transplanted livers in some patients taking cyclosporine, it said.

But the apparent success of the drug, derived from a fungus found in Japan, could worsen the already high shortage of donor organs because it would greatly increase the number of successful organ transplants, scientists said.

Some 30,000 organs are transplanted world-wide every year, a figure that is limited mainly by the shortage of organs, the report said.

The drug is made by the Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Company Ltd. of Osaka, Japan. It was developed by a team headed by Dr Thomas Starzl at the University of Pittsburgh, the world's largest transplant centre.

## Soviet human rights record better: Amnesty

## Psychiatric body readmits Moscow

LONDON, Oct 18, (Agencies): The Soviet attitude to human rights has dramatically improved and most known political prisoners have been freed, but the picture is "deeply confusing" because abuses persist and oppressive laws are being enacted, Amnesty International says.

In a report published today, the worldwide human rights movement says its list of Soviet citizens imprisoned for nonviolent exercise of their human rights shrank from 600 three years ago to around 90 in July, and would have been lower but for further arrests.

An Amnesty International delegation was allowed into the Soviet Union for the first time last March and found that "the Soviet

from psychiatric hospitals, including some who were held against their will for as many as 15 years, it said.

"Most of these 416 people were prosecuted for expressing non-conformist opinions, or for their religious activities. Some had been arrested for trying to leave the USSR," the report said.

"They make up the largest single group of prisoners of conscience to have been freed since the 1950s. Political arrests have also fallen noticeably since 1986," it said.

But "despite this clear trend towards reform," it said, "the human rights picture in the USSR is deeply confusing."

New decrees have been issued that curb human rights, it said, such as a ruling in April that effectively bans electioneering for radical change, and another in July restricting rights of assembly.

A new centrally controlled police force with extensive powers was set up in July 1988 under a decree that gives the authorities "unrestrained powers to ban or break up peaceful assemblies," it said. "On more than one occasion since July 1988 they have been used for this purpose."

The law on public gatherings is now available in writing and decisions on applications for public meetings have to be given five days in advance. But authorities may ban meetings as unconstitutional even where they pose no threat to public order, and there is no right of appeal, Amnesty International said.

There also have been fresh arrests, so that when the Amnesty International delegation visited Moscow it had a list of 100 detainees, including 25 conscientious objectors to military service, 25 people in psychiatric institutions, and about 30 imprisoned for nonviolent nationalist activity, the report said.

In Athens, the World Psychiatric Association conditionally readmitted the Soviet Union today, after a Soviet official acknowledged that psychiatry had been abused in his homeland for political reasons.

But the body said the official Soviet organisation could be ousted if an investigation finds that the Soviets still use psychiatry as a political weapon against dissidents.

The Soviet Union has accepted that its failure to clarify the fate of missing Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg has damaged its credibility on human rights, Amnesty report said.

Some Soviet journalists are threatening to strike over President Mikhail Gorbachev's rebuking of outspoken editors, and a group of legislators accused Gorbachev of using "pressure tactics."

## Aids on rise in US

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP): There may be 14.5 million Americans infected with the Aids virus by the year 2002 unless stronger measures are taken to combat a growing epidemic, a conservative think tank predicts in what it calls "A dark view of the future."

The Hudson Institute released a report yesterday based on a 2-year study of the progress of the nation's fight against Aids and warned "a catastrophe is sweeping over America."

"Unchecked, Aids will kill more Americans in the next decade than have died in combat in all of the nation's wars since our founding," the study said.

the Tokyo arts and crafts workers' federation.

Tokyo has drawn heavy criticism for continuing to trade in 11 endangered animal species, among them whales, under reservations lodged against moratoriums agreed by Cites.

Japan consumes about 40 per cent of the world's ivory but in June this year it bowed to international pressure and prohibited raw ivory imports, except for stocks shipped directly from the country of origin.



East German refugees on board a Polish LOT airline flight showing the 'V' sign for victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 125 come to West after delays

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Oct 18, (AP): After a long vigil in Warsaw, 125 East Germans arrived at Duesseldorf Airport late yesterday, the first in the recent flood to arrive by plane.

They left behind nearly 1,700 other East Germans in the Polish capital, awaiting their papers to be permitted to leave to a country of their choice.

In a compromise solution announced Saturday, the refugees were allowed to renounce their citizenship at the East German Embassy in Warsaw, freeing them to go to the West German Embassy to receive the necessary travel documents.

This approach avoids a repeat of the near-riots that occurred in some East German cities when trainloads of refugees headed from Poland and Czechoslovakia through East Germany to West Germany. In some cases, police used force to prevent more East Germans from jumping on the trains.

The 125 refugees, mostly young workers with children, arrived at 8.30 pm (1930 GMT) on a Soviet-made Tupolev 154 chartered from LOT airlines by the West German government.

Descending the steps of the plane, they waved and smiled at a few photographers waiting in a drizzle, then were hustled onto buses for a 30-minute trip to the Schoepfingen reception camp.

That camp has processed many of the 52,000 East Germans who have fled to the West in recent months.

A group of about 30 relatives, friends and well-wishers who had gathered at the airport was angered when they were prevented from going from the terminal to greet the new arrivals.

During earlier arrivals of East Germans from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland in recent weeks, the public was generally free to greet the new comers first hand. Authorities at Duesseldorf Airport said, however, that they wanted to get the new arrivals to the Schoepfingen centre as quickly as possible.

Around 57,000 East Germans have crossed to the West through Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary since September 11, when Hungary opened its border with Austria, West German border police said today.

This is in addition to more than 80,000 who have emigrated legally since January.

perspective on human rights has shifted dramatically since 1986," the report said.

"The most promising prospect for long-term reform is a major review of law... apparently aimed at bringing Soviet law into line with international standards," the report said.

For the first time, human rights were being freely discussed and acknowledged by the authorities to be an international issue, not an internal matter immune from outside scrutiny, the report said.

Of the 600 prisoners, 337 were released early. Another 79 were freed

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It was the group's second failure to speak in the Supreme Soviet legislature. Nikolai Kutsenko, a deputy from the Ukraine said leaders of the Supreme Soviet legislature decided not to permit the defence of Vladimir Slarkov, editor of the weekly Arguments and Facts, to be raised at the legislature because they considered it an affair of the Communist Party rather than the government.

The tabloid was responsible for several sensational stories in the past year, including the first Soviet disclosure that dictator Josef Stalin imprisoned or killed as many as 40 million people. It was also the first Soviet publication to print excerpts of the memoirs of Nikita Khrushchev.

Kutsenko said he wanted to speak at this morning's session, but was told he could not have the floor by Gorbachev's hand-picked Vice President, Anatoly Lukyanov, and the Chairman of the bicameral legislature's two houses, Rafik Nishanov and Yevgeny Primakov.

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## Hungary becomes republic state

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## Japanese tusk traders vow to fight ivory ban

TOKYO, Oct 18, (Reuters): Japanese ivory importers reacted with defiance today to an international conference's ban on ivory trading, and vowed a fight to save their 350-year-old industry.

The ban, decided by a ballot at the 103-nation United Nations Conference on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) in Switzerland yesterday, is intended to save African elephants from extinction.

It is also likely to administer a lethal blow to Japan's ivory industry unless Tokyo's govern-

ment, which abstained from voting at the conference, decides to exclude itself from the ban.

Workers and union members in the industry said they would lobby the government to protect their interests.

"Of course this ban is a great nuisance," said an employee at one of the country's biggest tusk traders, Takaichi Ivory in Osaka.

"The industry will fight it. There will be talks with the government over this."

"We'll fight for our rights," said a worker at

the Tokyo arts and crafts workers' federation.

Tokyo has drawn heavy criticism for continuing to trade in 11 endangered animal species, among them whales, under reservations lodged against moratoriums agreed by Cites.

Japan consumes about 40 per cent of the world's ivory but in June this year it bowed to international pressure and prohibited raw ivory imports, except for stocks shipped directly from the country of origin.

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# Thatcher versus the rest at summit

## SA sanctions issue dominates

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 18, (Agencies): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, standing alone again, came under heavy fire at the Commonwealth summit today over her opposition to sanctions against South Africa.

There was some pointed criticism from Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew over her refusal to give Hong Kong people an escape route when China takes over the British colony in 1997 and for seeking to repatriate Vietnamese boat people forcibly.

"It's 48-1 against Mrs Thatcher," Lee said of her intense dislike of using sanctions to force South Africa to dismantle its apartheid system of racial segregation.

"But you also know she is not intimidated by numbers," he said of her forthright opposition to new



Tutu (left) yesterday paid a visit to Mpethe. (Reuters wirephoto)

# ANC will not reject violence

## Pressure must continue, Sisulu

SOWETO, Oct 18, (AP): Freed African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu said yesterday his organisation would not reject violence as a way to pressure the government into concessions that might lead to negotiations.

Sisulu, released on Sunday along with six other senior ANC leaders, said pressure by anti-apartheid groups locally and abroad compelled the government to free them unconditionally after lengthy prison terms.

The releases "were merely a reaction to the pressure of the world," Sisulu told foreign journalists in an interview at a church near his home in Soweto, the huge township outside Johannesburg.

Sisulu, 77, is the highest-ranking of the freed activists. He spent 26 years in prison along with his close friend, senior ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

President F.W. de Klerk decided to release the prisoners as part of his effort to improve the climate for negotiating a new constitution that will include the 28 million black majority. He envisions a system that stops short of black majority rule and ensures that white interests cannot be overruled.

The government has said the ANC must renounce violence before it can be allowed to participate in the talks, but Sisulu said he believes the ANC should pursue violence to maintain pressure on the government.

"We don't reject violence," said Sisulu. "It's not because (the ANC) believes in violence for its own sake. It is because of compelling conditions. Remove the compelling conditions and there will be peace."

Sisulu denied that the ANC had partially suspended its campaign of violence, suggesting it was a "logical" decision.

He also called for an intensification of economic sanctions against South Africa.

"The pressure must be sustained," he said. "There must be no chance for the government to retreat and reorganise."

He said the ANC and its backers would not accept anything short of a one-person, one-vote "Democracy—I know it to be only one thing: A vote for all. There is no other democracy," said Sisulu. "We have got fundamental differences on that" with the government.

Asked about changes in South Africa since he went to prison, Sisulu said: "I find the spirit of the people different. I think there is much greater political consciousness, greater awareness, greater unity."

The cabinet minister assigned to promote negotiations with black leaders said he was prepared to confer with Sisulu about the ANC's possible role in formal talks.

"If we want to get going, the fewer preconditions the better," said Constitutional Development minister Gerrit Viljoen.

sanctions. Midway through a review of current global trends, the monarchs, sultans, presidents and prime ministers went into an unscheduled closed session for an unprecedented ballot on who should succeed Shridath Ramphal as secretary-general.

Nigerian chief Emeka Anyaoku, Ramphal's deputy and the group's top administrator, was declared victor over former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

The vote was kept secret and Anyaoku's appointment officially described as "unanimous" in keeping with the Commonwealth's commitment to consensus.

Most speakers in the public and private sessions today, the first of the six-day two-yearly summit, wanted existing sanctions tightened. None advocated new ones.

Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney looked at the eye as, to loud applause, he argued passionately that sanctions were the reason for recent South African moves to defuse tension there.

"Consideration of sanctions at this stage would be utterly irresponsible," Thatcher said in reply at a closed session of the leaders of Britain's former imperial possessions.

South Africa dominated the opening day of the conference and was expected to do so again on Thursday, but Lee, in typically blunt fashion, let Thatcher know he was not pleased with her refusal to let more people from Hong Kong into Britain.

In opening speeches before the summit went into closed session, Malaysian Premier Mahathir Mohammad called for stronger sanctions against South Africa.

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe took a similar track, adding: "It is necessary that all forms of pressure, including economic sanctions, continue to be maintained."

Thatcher, speaking first in a debate on global affairs, said it was important to support and encourage peaceful change in South Africa.

Speaking after Thatcher, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew said De Klerk should be given a breathing space to see how far he would go in dismantling apartheid before deciding whether further sanctions were needed.

In her 30-minute review of world affairs, Thatcher said moves towards democracy in Hungary and Poland, reforms in the Soviet Union and the exodus from East Germany showed "communism as a creed has failed and is discredited."

Meanwhile, anti-apartheid activist Allan Boesak attacked Britain today for opposing sanctions and said he had urged Commonwealth leaders to keep up pressure on South Africa.

The African National Congress yesterday urged the Commonwealth to impose additional sanctions against South Africa and said it plans to switch from hit-and-run attacks to a "sustained armed struggle."

"It is very important... to pay attention to the question of building up the military capacity to conduct a sustained armed struggle—not merely to carry out an operation once in a while, however spectacular," said ANC spokesman Thabo Mbeki.



Benazir (left) and Thatcher arrive at the second session of the summit. (Reuters wirephoto)

# China tightens screw on HK

## UK criticised

HONG KONG, Oct 18, (Agencies): China stepped up pressure on the British colony of Hong Kong today, blasting the government for its decision to relocate a key navy base before Beijing resumes sovereignty in 1997.

In the fourth attack on the colony in little more than a week, senior Hong Kong-based diplomat Ke Zhaishuo told the official New China News Agency the government had no right to move HMS Tamar, on the waterfront in the heart of the central business district, without China's agreement.

Last week, chief secretary Sir David Ford said the naval dockyard at Tamar, home to Britain's dwindling naval presence in the Far East, would be moved to make way for a reclamation project.

Ke, who heads the Chinese delegation to the Sino-British joint liaison group charged with ensuring a smooth handover in 1977, told the agency: "We are unable to accept this."

"It is the Chinese side's persistent stand that the above-mentioned issue should be settled through discussions by the Sino-British joint liaison group," he said.

In the past few days, China has accused Hong Kong of acting as a base for subversion, angrily attacked the authorities for permitting dissident swimmer Yang Yang to flee to the United States and delivered two stinging rebukes over the decision to

move Tamar, including the latest by Ke.

"The British side has unilaterally announced the decision in public on this outstanding issue in an attempt to make it an outstanding fact and force China to recognise it," Ke said.

He linked the Tamar issue with deployment of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), which will station troops in Hong Kong after the colony becomes a special administrative region.

China's bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement, when PLA troops and tanks stormed Beijing on June 4, sent shock waves through Hong Kong.

The subsequent emergence of hardliners in control in Beijing and their increasingly tough stance toward Hong Kong have dealt a series of hard blows to confidence in the colony.

London has urged Beijing to reconsider the psychological impact of stationing PLA troops in Hong Kong after 1997.

Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping has told an American visitor that Beijing officials made mistakes and bore some responsibility for the suppression of the pro-democracy movement.

Professor T.D. Lee quoted Deng as saying: "If there are mistakes, we (leaders) really have made mistakes. We must not shirk our responsibility and we cannot blame the demonstrators."

# UN meet on Namibia sought

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 18, (AP): African front-line states have circulated a draft resolution condemning South Africa's role in Namibia and may seek an urgent meeting of the Security Council on the territory, which is gaining independence from South Africa under a UN accord.

Diplomatic sources, speaking yesterday on condition they not be named, said that the draft resolution was distributed Monday night to the five permanent members of the Security Council

— the United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union.

They described the document as intemperate and said that no negotiations on the draft have been held. In its present form, they said, the resolution would be vetoed by one of the Western members of the "big five."

The draft resolution threatens UN enforcement action if South Africa doesn't comply within two weeks.

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# NEWS IN BRIEF

**Reservations voiced:** Several delegations expressed reservations yesterday about the credentials of the Cambodian and Afghan delegations to the United Nations but did not press for a vote on the issue before they were approved together with those of other member states.

When a report of the credentials committee was discussed in the General Assembly, Byelorussia, speaking also on behalf of other members of the Soviet bloc, said it opposed acceptance of the credentials of "so-called democratic Kampuchea." (Reuters)

**Bhargava replaces Ahasan:** India's Kant Kishore Bhargava took office yesterday as secretary-general of the 7-nation South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, the Kathmandu-based Saarc reported.

Bhargava replaced Abul Ahasan from Bangladesh, who is expected to become his country's foreign secretary, diplomatic sources told United Press International. (UPI)

**Lee ponders:** Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has said his main problem now is "how to hand over (power) next year without any glitches, no upsets and Singapore carries on as it is."

The world's longest serving prime minister made the statement in an interview with visiting Malaysian newsmen over the weekend.

Lee said that he would not retire from politics even after he steps aside. "SSI may still be useful on matters which require a personal approach," he told them. (Kuma)

**Ban on paper lifted:** Kenya's parliament yesterday unanimously voted to lift a ban prohibiting a prominent newspaper reporting its proceedings.

The ban was imposed in June after parliamentarians accused nation newspapers, publisher of East Africa's daily Nation, of being unpatriotic and campaigning against the government. (Reuters)

**Coptic Pope visits Florida:** The Coptic Pope laid a cornerstone for a new church in central Florida, then sat down to a meal of chicken and rice with church members.

"This is a very exciting thing," said Wasfy Mikhael, a church board member who lived half his life in Egypt, said at Monday's luncheon. "Back home, to meet the pope is a very difficult thing because he belongs to several million people. When he comes here the 50 families can have captive audience with him." (AP)

**Abortion issue hampers Bush:** A report that the Bush White House used an anti-abortion litmus test to screen a candidate for a senior government health post has sent shock waves through the Washington science community.

Despite white house denials that such a test was applied, administration critics are saying the divisive abortion issue is driving highly qualified candidates out of government service. (Reuters)

**Italy raises speed limits:** Italy's speed-loving drivers finally got the go-ahead to put their foot down a little more on Wednesday when higher motorway speed limits took effect.

But Public Works Minister Giovanni Prandini called for maximum vigilance by police to enforce the new restrictions, which allow all but the smallest vehicles to travel at up to 130 km per hour (80 mph). (Reuters)

**Father son face charges:** A father and son accused of helping run the smuggling ring cracked in the world's largest cocaine seizure have been ordered to return to Los Angeles and face charges in federal court.

US magistrate Lawrence Leavitt ruled yesterday that there was a "clear showing" of probable cause that Carlos Tapia Ponce and his son, Hector Tapia Anchonda, were involved in the drug ring that led to the warehouse seizure last month of 19 tonnes of cocaine. (AP)

# Roh to continue political reform

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP): South Korean President Roh Tae Woo is assuring the United States his country is moving toward "full-fledged democracy" and more trade liberalisation.

But he asked US officials in meetings yesterday to be patient for the solution of one of the thorniest of US-Korean trade problems, the further opening of the Korean market to American meat and farm products.

Bush told Roh at their White House meeting that US military forces would remain in South Korea so long as it remains under threat from neighbour North Korea, which has not yet felt the winds of reform sweeping much of the communist world.

Roh was concluding his two-day Washington visit today with speeches to a joint meeting of Congress and to the National Press Club.

He and his wife were flying to Los Angeles later to greet former president Ronald Reagan and to address the Los Angeles World Affairs Council Thursday.

"Let no one doubt that the United States stands by its commitment to maintain the peace and prevent the outbreak of hostilities" in Korea, Bush said. In a ceremony concluding their 2 hours of White House talks and luncheon, he also praised Roh for "creative diplomacy" in proposing to create a commonwealth between North and South Korea "as a step toward reunification."

"Our forces will remain as long as there is a threat from the north," Bush said.

The United States has about 43,000 troops in South Korea.

# US military to make more use of Singapore

SINGAPORE, Oct 18, (AP): US warships and military planes will make modestly greater use of facilities in Singapore, the Foreign Ministry said today.

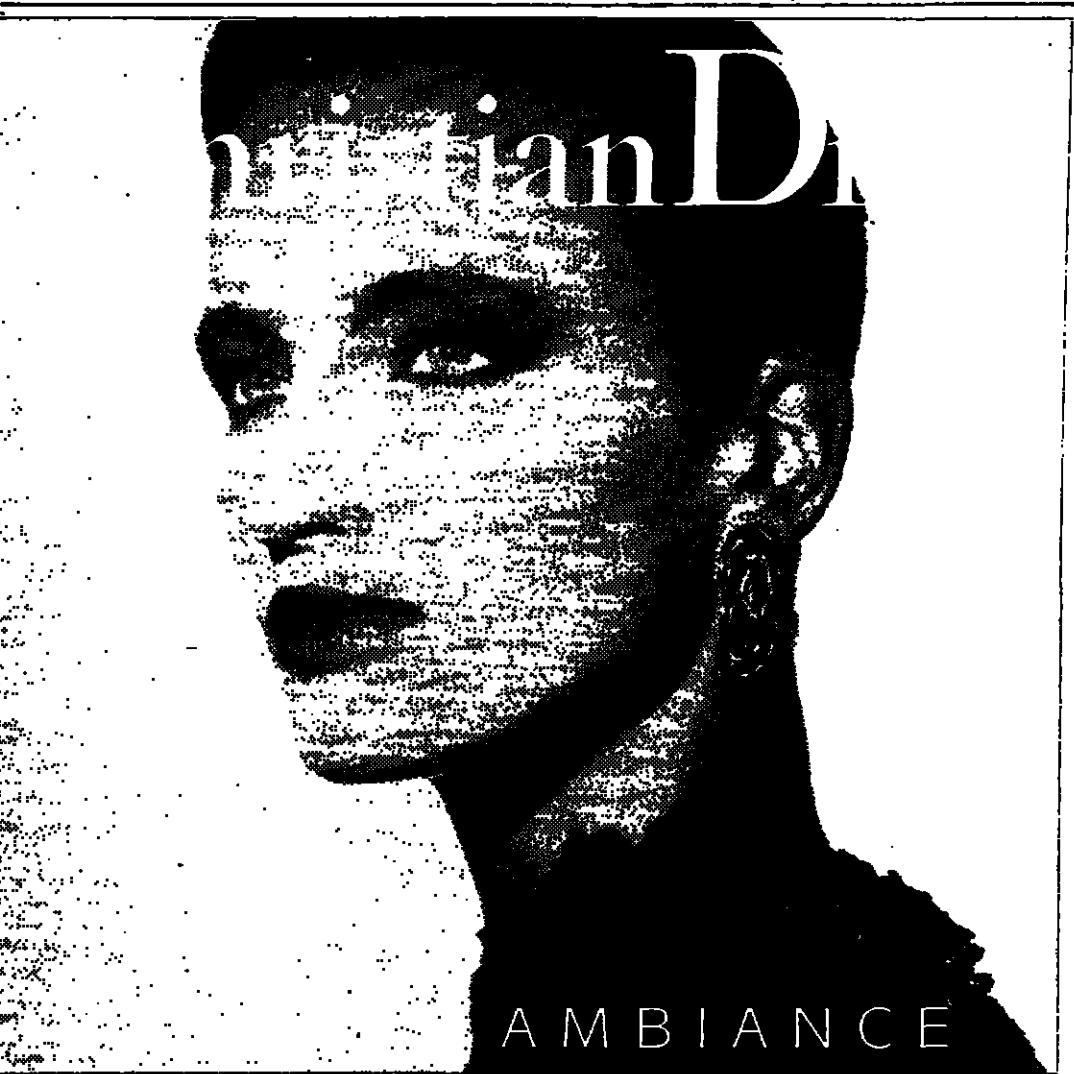
Under an agreement between the two sides, the ministry said: "There will be more use of Singapore's maintenance and repair facilities by US naval vessels and short-term visits on a rotational basis of US aircraft to Paya Lebar Air Base."

The increase would be modest and would begin early next year, the ministry said in a statement.

"Arising from this, the small number of US support personnel at present in Singapore will in due course increase to about 170," the statement added.

On Aug 4, George Yeo, state minister for finance and foreign affairs, told parliament that a US survey team had visited Singapore in June to study the nation's naval and air facilities.

Singapore's expressed willingness to play host to the US military brought statements from leaders of neighbouring Malaysia that a permanent US base in Singapore would harm efforts by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to create a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality in the region.



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## INTERNATIONAL

## Sidelights

**Re-insurance to cushion claims:** British insurance firms said today they were shielded from huge claims from the San Francisco earthquake by simple prudence and re-insurance.

Officials in California estimated damage from yesterday's earthquake at \$1 billion, and in London stock in British insurers initially fell across the board.

But prices recovered as analysts reassured investors that the losses would be absorbed by re-insurance.

Insurance companies invariably pass on large risks to specialist re-insurance firms, ensuring that they are not exposed to giant losses. (Reuters)

**Long way from predicting quake:** The earthquake that hit San Francisco yesterday showed scientists a long way from predicting them with any accuracy. It also highlighted how quake-resistant building techniques can save lives.

There was no advance warning of the major earthquake, despite almost constant monitoring by seismologists of the earth's crust along the San Andreas Fault Line, which runs through California.

"Earthquakes start at 10 to 15 km (six to nine miles) down and we really know less about physical conditions down there than we do about deep space," said Russ Evans of the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, Scotland.

"As time goes by we realise how little we understand about processes going on in the earth's crust," he said. (Reuters)

**Taking chances in San Francisco:** San Francisco, one of America's most beautiful cities with its elegant seascapes and temperate climate, is also one of the deadliest with the unstable San Andreas fault running alongside it.

The fault is the greatest fracture anywhere in the earth's crust. Severe quakes have hit San Francisco as far back as 1869 and one in 1906 almost doomed the city.

Those who live in the city's splendour know they are taking their chances and it was no surprise when disaster hit again yesterday. A quake registering 6.9 on the Richter Scale collapsed a span of a major bridge crowded with rush hour traffic and forced the evacuation of nearly 50,000 people from the Baseball World Series Championship.

Buildings collapsed, gas explosions were set off and fires raged after the quake struck where nearly two million people live.

The quake, which hit this city known for its roller coaster streets and archaic trellises, was more than 30 times greater than the one that hit the Bay area in June 1985. That disturbance caused skyscrapers to sway and groceries to fall from supermarket shelves. (Reuters)

**Quake victims offered condolences:** The Commonwealth summit expressed condolences today to victims of the earthquake in San Francisco.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad made the announcement as host of the 49-nation meeting of Britain and most of its former colonies. (AP)

**Deukmejian promises probe:** California Governor George Deukmejian said today he was very surprised by the extent of the highway damage during the devastating earthquake, and promised an inquiry.

Deukmejian said he had not yet spoken to US President George Bush, but said that state officials would ask Bush to declare a federal emergency for the stricken area in and around San Francisco.

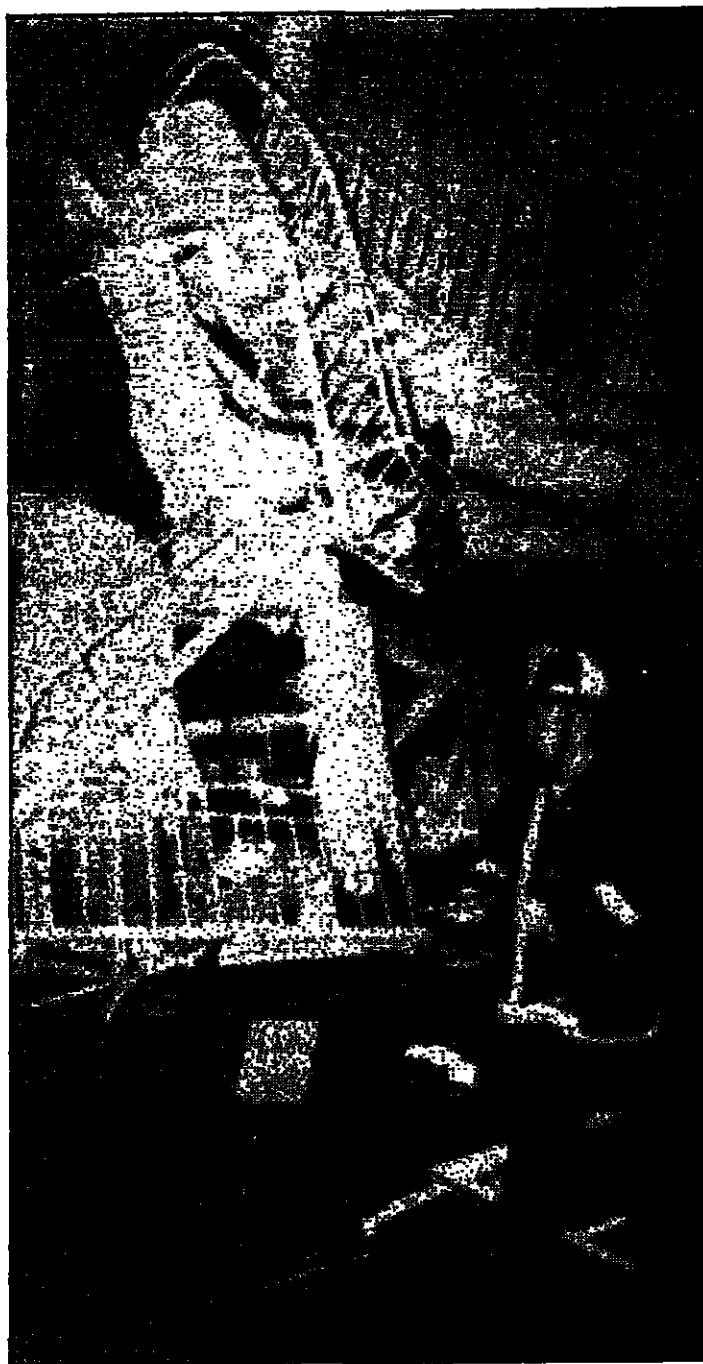
The US governor said California has a "prudent reserve" of \$1 billion that "we can use and that we will use" to help recover from yesterday's earthquake.

Deukmejian, during a hastily called news conference at a Frankfurt Hotel, also warned of the possibility of gas line explosions and said he had heard of "very minor incidents" of looting. (AP)

**Tokyo better equipped:** Tokyo, which like San Francisco is prone to major earthquakes, is better designed to cope with a quake of the size that struck the US city yesterday, Japanese government officials said.

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu sent a letter to US President George Bush after the quake, saying, "as we ourselves are so vulnerable to this natural disaster, we view the fate of its victims much as that of our own..." "We are prepared to contribute to your efforts of emergency rescue and reconstruction as much as we can."

Construction Ministry officials said Japanese bridges and highways, designed to cope with strong shocks, would not collapse even in a big quake like the one that shook California. (Reuters)



A fire-fighter inspects the remains of a collapsed apartment building.



Picture shows the collapsed upper section of the San Francisco Bay Bridge.



An injured person is attended to by medics after a double deck section of Interstate B80 collapsed near downtown Oakland, California.



Rescue workers try to keep a car from going over the edge of the Bay Bridge.



Fire-fighters battle a blaze in the Marina district. (Reuters wirephotos)

## Fear haunts 'quake' city

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18. (Agencies): Thousands of stranded office workers mingled with the homeless in San Francisco's darkened streets night as a pitch-black night, a night of fear and festiveness, fell over the quake-damaged city.

Fire engines and ambulances, sirens howling, picked their way through the darkness and over glass-strewn streets as a few stars peeked through a layer of smoke from a fire raging in the Marina district.

An occasional office building running on emergency generators stood out in the blackness. Electrically powered trolleys formed little empty holes of light where they stalled, emergency blinkers winking on and off. Car headlights criss-crossed, pedestrians dodging among them.

And desperate people lined up 20 deep at pay telephones to call home.

"Answer damnit!" Jeff Darling yelled into one phone as he tried to reach his wife and child across San Francisco Bay in Berkeley after the earthquake.

When the phone went unanswered, Darling dropped the receiver and sobbed uncontrollably. "I've got to know. I've got to know. What happened?" he said his house was undergoing renovation and he feared that some of the supports may have been undermined by the work.

The tremor, measured between 6.5 and 7.0 on the Richter Scale, struck at 5:04 pm yesterday, collapsing buildings, highways and a segment of the San Francisco Bay Bridge, turning windows to shards, logging traffic at the height of rush hour, stranding thousands of commuters and knocking out electricity and telephone service.

Texas State Treasurer Ann Richards, visiting San Francisco, was caught in the giant tremor along the notorious San Andreas Fault.

"Suddenly, a large granite building began swaying," said Richards, a Democratic candidate for Governor of Texas who had been shopping in a posh area. "The mortar was shaking loose and dust was coming out of the joints in the building."

"People came running out of

Pope prays: Gorby offers help

## World expresses grief

NEW YORK, Oct. 18. (AP): The Pope sent prayers and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev offered relief aid today as the world expressed grief for the victims of the devastating earthquake in northern California.

Thousands jammed international phone lines seeking to get in touch with relatives in the area hit by yesterday's quake, which killed more than 270 people, flattened bridges and buildings and started fires in the San Francisco Bay area.

Offers of aid came from the Philippines, Japan, France, Britain, Switzerland and several other nations. An estimated 500,000 Filipinos live in the San Francisco area, one of the largest Filipino communities outside of the homeland.

"I would also like to extend my sympathy in a very special way to our countrymen residing in the area," President Corason Aquino said in a statement. "They have our nation's collective prayers for their safety, and I am directing our Philippine consulate there to extend whatever help they can to them."

Concern in Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines was heightened because of the large

numbers of their people living in California. Over 9,300 Japanese live in the San Francisco Bay area, an official said. The Philippine department of foreign affairs said at least 500,000 Filipinos live in the bay area, one of the largest concentrations of Filipinos in the United States. Hong Kong has strong links to the San Francisco area, which has an estimated 200,000 ethnic Chinese.

Gorbachev sent condolences in a telegram to US President George Bush, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

Yuri Dubinin, the Soviet envoy to Washington, was assigned to contact the Bush administration to learn "what sort of aid could be given by the Soviet side, by government or social channels, towards liquidating the consequences of the earthquake," Tass reported.

If the Soviets do help the victims of an American quake, it would be a first. Millions of dollars of US assistance, along with aid from numerous other countries, poured into Armenia following the Dec 7 quake in the Soviet republic.

"For the Soviet people, who experienced not long ago the pain of loss from the catastrophe in Armenia, the feelings of grief that the American people are feeling today are especially close and understandable," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told reporters in Moscow.

A team of four to six British engineers specialising in earthquake safety design were to fly to San Francisco to help assess damage, said Alistair Soane, chairman of the consulting firm Bingham Cotterell in northwest England.

"They will be assisting in the damage assessment and learning lessons to apply for the next time, because there will be a next time in San Francisco," he said.

Three Swiss experts left for California to assess what help their country might give to the earthquake-stricken area. A French disaster relief agency also offered to send specialists to San Francisco to find any survivors trapped under rubble.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu offered help in rescue and rebuilding efforts.

Emergency crews were pushed to the brink and helicopters landed within blocks of city hall. What was once only a plan on paper had turned into an earthquake command centre.

Kevin Carter, 35, said he was in San Bruno, about 8 miles (13 km) from San Francisco, when the quake shook his home.

"I was on the telephone talking with my brother and, all of a sudden, the phone got cut off and the ground started moving. It was going up and down," he said.

"I ran. I knew I didn't have enough time to get outside, so I ran to the door frame and I held on and it continued for what seemed like a long time," he said. "I couldn't run outside, because I had no balance. Everything was falling off the shelves, the stove. I never seen anything like this and I've been here since 1965."

A downtown emergency shelter drew a mixed group of about 100 stranded tourists, conventioners and residents from nearby transient hotels who fled pitch dark streets looking for a safe place to spend the night.

## Celikbas to contest Ozal in elections

ANKARA, Oct. 18. (AP): A Member of Parliament from the ruling Motherland Party announced today that he will run against Premier Turgut Ozal in the presidential race.

Fethi Celikbas, 77, told reporters that he was running because there should be more than one candidate in any democratic election. "It is not necessary to win," said Celikbas, a professor of economy and minister in previous governments.

Ozal announced yesterday that he would run for president and no other candidates were expected for the high prestige post.

There was no immediate comment from Ozal to the announcement of Celikbas.

Any Member of Parliament can run in the presidential race which is decided in secret balloting. For a non-member, a minimum of 90 Members of Parliament must give a motion of nomination.

The opposition parties strongly oppose Ozal's candidacy but so far they have not offered a candidate of their own.

Motherland Party sources said Celikbas could garner the votes of about two dozen deputies from the ruling party who are opposed to Ozal. It was not immediately clear if opposition parties would give him any support.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Typhoons and tornado kill 78:** At least 78 people were killed and more than 1,000 wounded when three typhoons and a tornado struck Vietnam within 12 days this month, the official Vietnam News Agency said today.

The agency reported that typhoons swept Brian and Dan caused enormous damage to crops and buildings in the central provinces of Nghe Tinh, Quang Binh and Thanh Hoa between Oct 3 to 13.

It said the typhoons had killed 60 people, injured 773 and left an unspecified number of others missing, according to incomplete reports received Sunday. (AP)

**China executes 7 for murder:** China has executed seven people, all of them for murder, in the western region of Qinghai, according to a newspaper reaching Beijing today.

The Qinghai Daily said Wang Wei, a peasant from Huangzhong county, was found guilty of stabbing to death his wife and four of her relatives after an argument in June.

Wang and six others found guilty in separate incidents were executed late last month. Executions in China are usually carried out with a single bullet in the back of the head. (Reuters)

**Hephburn visits Bangkok slum:** Actress Audrey Hephburn observed life in Bangkok's largest slum today while on a mission to publicise the plight of starving, malnourished children of the developing world.

Ms Hephburn, who is representing the UN Children's Fund, also met with Prateep Hata, a determined champion of the dwellers of Klong Toey slum who is known as the "Slum Angel of Bangkok."

"I am full of admiration for this marvelous angel, as she is called. I've seen many of these people. They are the ones that make a big difference," Ms Hephburn said. (AP)

## 272 crushed to death

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bridge. A 30-foot (10-metre) section of the bridge's upper roadway collapsed into the lower roadway, leaving three cars dangling between levels.

At least two bridges in the Santa Cruz area collapsed, highways leading out of the city were damaged and mountain passes were closed due to landslides and fissures in the road, the highway patrol said.

In San Francisco, at least eight people died, and looting and vandalism were reported in the city's major crack dealing area.

Agos asked the army to help. National guardsmen were being mobilised, as were engineers, military police and medical workers.

"The city is in reasonably good shape," the mayor said. "We've survived this so far."

Sixty-thousand baseball fans were evacuated from Candlestick Park before the start of game three of baseball's World Series. No major injuries were reported at the stadium, which sustained structural damage, and there was no word on when and where the game would be played.

The Oakland airport and San Francisco International Airport closed yesterday but reopened this morning. San Jose International Airport never closed.

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# Iran embassy in Hague attacked

THE HAGUE, Oct 18, (AP): The Iranian embassy here was slightly damaged in an arson attack late last night, and police were questioning two suspects in the case, a law enforcement official said.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred at about 10 pm local time (2100 GMT), hours after the embassy in central The Hague had closed its doors, according to police spokesman Guus

Auerbach.

The identities of the suspects, who were arrested shortly after police discovered that the embassy's front door was on fire, were not disclosed in line with Dutch judicial practice.

Eyewitnesses told police that two men had doused the building's front door with petrol, set it afire, and then threw a fire bomb at one of the building's windows,

according to Auerbach. The nature of the bomb, which caused no damage, was not immediately known.

The men escaped on bicycles, Auerbach quoted the witnesses as saying. The embassy is located on a main thoroughfare in this diplomatic capital, 200 meters (yards) from police headquarters.

The municipal fire brigade arrived minutes later, dousing the flames before they

could cause substantial damage, Auerbach told the Associated Press. The interior of the three-storey building remained intact, he said.

Iran protested to the Dutch government today over an attack which it said damaged its embassy in the Hague on Monday, Iran's Irna news agency reported.

## Christians insist on Syrian pullout

# Talks near collapse

BEIRUT, Oct 18, (Agencies): Three weeks of talks on an Arab League peace plan for Lebanon are on the brink of collapse with Christian hardliners insisting on the need for a Syrian troop withdrawal.

Muslim and Christian political sources said today the talks among 61 deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia, which began on Sept 30, appeared to be headed for failure.

"But this does not mean it is over. Efforts are being made to find a way out of this deadlock," said an independent analyst, who added that Saudi Arabia was working hard to break the impasse.

The Taif talks were the second and most difficult stage of an Arab League peace plan to end six months of shelling in Lebanon which killed more than 800 people and wounded 3,400.

The battles began when Christian Army Chief General Michel Aoun attempted to extend his power into Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon and declared a war to expel Syria's 33,000 troops.

Christian hardliners, including Aoun, met in Beirut yesterday and passed their minimum demands to Christian deputies discussing a compromise in Taif, political sources said.

They said the Christian leaders agreed that a committee on Lebanon consisting of the foreign ministers of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia should discuss Lebanese sovereignty with Syria.

The hardliners suggested that the committee and a Syrian representative should consider the objectives of the Syrian military presence in Lebanon and set a timetable for a pullout.

Lebanese analysts said the hardliners were trying to turn the emphasis back on Syria in an attempt to avoid being accused of blocking peace.

"We reaffirmed our attachment to the issue of sovereignty on which it is not possible to make any concession," said Danny Chamoun, head of Lebanon's National Liberal Party, after meeting Aoun.

Sovereignty — code word for Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon — is the main hurdle to agreement in Taif, Aoun demands a timetable for Syrian withdrawal before any political reforms.

Damascus and most Muslim deputies, however, maintain that a

## Gaining weight

### Nothing to do

TAIF, Oct 18, (Reuters): Lebanon's ageing members of Parliament say they are gaining weight and smoking more in the battle against boredom at slow-moving peace talks in Saudi Arabia.

"This is taking a long time and we are more bored than we expected. Had it not been for the kingdom's will for the success of the talks, I would have packed my bag and left," said a deputy in his late 70's.

The oldest deputy is 87, the youngest 46. Many require daily medication. Saudi Arabia has set up an emergency clinic at the conference centre.

The night is the worst time. We don't know what to do. We try to read, but I have not brought books with me," one said.

"I have solved the problem, I read the morning papers at night," said another one.

"We came here to stay one week, so I brought only two suits. Now I send one to the cleaners every night and wear the other one," said another in his 50's.

"We are eating more to pass the time and putting on weight ... we are also smoking more and more," said a third.

Syrian pullout can be considered only after Lebanon is united under a new government and political reforms are enacted.

Diplomatic and political sources said the Christians had been repeatedly told Damascus refused to consider any change on a withdrawal to what it had endorsed in the Arab League plan.

Three gunmen kidnapped a Lebanese university political science professor in Syrian-controlled West Beirut today, police said.

They said Shawk Krayeh, 45, was snatched from his chauffeur-driven

car. The driver was not abducted.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has called for the release of two Swiss medical workers held hostage in Lebanon.

"The ICRC calls for the immediate and unconditional release of its delegates," the committee said in a statement released in Beirut.

The statement said the abduction of Red Cross orthopedic technicians Emanuel Christen, 32, and Elie Enriquer, 23, was an "unacceptable and unjustifiable attempt against the 15 years of humanitarian work of the ICRC in Lebanon."

# Unesco defers PLO entry

PARIS, Oct 18, (Reuters): A bid by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to join Unesco was deferred for two years yesterday in a move seen as placating the United States and Britain.

Member states of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation agreed to delay the PLO application until 1991. The resolution, passed without a vote despite Israeli objections, nevertheless called for increased Palestinian participation in Unesco.

Diplomats described the move as a conciliatory gesture by the agency's general conference, which opened yesterday. The Unesco executive board had already agreed to defer the PLO's request for two years.

They said the consensus decision was aimed at helping Director-General Federico Mayor attain his goal of convincing the United States, Britain and Singapore to return to the agency.

The three walked out in 1984 and 1985, accusing the agency of anti-Western bias and mismanagement and leaving it 30 per cent short of its budget.

The United States warned Mayor earlier this month it would never return if the state of Palestine was admitted.

The PLO proclaimed a state of Palestine last November and has since been seeking international recognition of it.

PLO observer Omar Massalha said the provisional government of Palestine had withdrawn its request because it wanted to avoid confrontation.

Mayor, in an apparent response to Western attacks against Unesco, pledged during his opening speech "to defend freedom of expression." He also said Unesco would not be used for political ends outside its constitutional mandate.

A debate on the so-called new world information and communication order, a controversial concept viewed by many Western states as an attempt to muzzle the press, is to take place in early November.

The scheme, proposed by former Unesco head Amadou Mahtar M'bow of Senegal, could prove another obstacle to the return of the United States.

# US, Israel heading for a major clash

## We won't budge, vows Shamir

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Oct 18, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has warned that Israel is heading for a major clash with the United States over Middle East peace moves and vowed Israel would never give up occupied Arab territory.

"It is not simple to go to a confrontation with the strongest state in the world. We are not interested in confrontations, but the United States must know Israel has issues it will stand firm on until the end."

"In all regarding the (biblical) land of Israel, we... will stand firm and not give in (even) if we must face a clash," Shamir said last night in the central town of Ramle.

US Secretary of State James Baker this month proposed a five-point framework for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo on Israel's peace plan for elections in the occupied territories and other issues.

Washington said on Monday it did not view as a setback a statement by Shamir that Israel saw no need to go to Cairo for talks with Palestinians.

The hardline prime minister told his Likud party caucus yesterday that tension with Washington was Israel's most serious problem.

He accused the United States of putting pressure on Israel to talk to the PLO and to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where 686 Arabs and 42 Jews have died in the 22-month Palestinian revolt.

"The United States wants to get Israel out of Judea, Samaria (Biblical names for the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip. The Americans want to bring us already to a meeting with the PLO," Likud parliamentarians quoted Shamir as saying.

"It is hard to say what the position of the Americans will be. Will they back down as they did on previous occasions, in which case our relations will remain as they are, or will they refuse to give in, in which case our relations will change," Shamir said.

"We do not want a confrontation, but we will not give in. The campaign is hard and it is a miracle that we are still standing firm against the whole world," he said.

Shamir said PLO resistance to Palestinian-Israeli peace plans strengthens the Jewish state's resolve to find an alternative negotiating partner.

Shamir told the English-language Jerusalem Post in an interview published today that the PLO opposition should "strengthen the Israeli government's resolve to pursue its own peace initiative, which is designed as an alternative to the PLO."



Israeli troops stop a Palestinian and carry out a thorough car search at a roadblock to the entrance of the Beit Sahour village. Residents of Beit Sahour have been refusing to pay taxes to the Israeli authorities, which has resulted in the confiscation of their goods as well as arrests. (Reuters wirephoto)

"Those who thought — there are Europeans and some Americans who think so — that our initiative would require us to sit and talk with the PLO were simply mistaken. They do not understand us," the paper quoted Shamir as saying.

"We want a peaceful solution. We want it both with the Arab states and with the Arabs of Judea, Samaria. But we cannot achieve it through talks with the PLO, because the PLO opposes it," Shamir said.

"The PLO wants a Palestinian state, and they do not want a Jewish state, even though they proclaim otherwise."

Shamir, worried over strains in US-Israeli relations, told

President Bush yesterday the two countries must clear up their differences on the Middle East peace process, a Shamir aide said.

Shamir called Bush because "he felt a better understanding was needed on the direction of the peace process," said spokesman Avi Pazner. The two leaders spoke for more than 10 minutes.

Top PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi, in remarks published today, urged Palestinians to demand more from Israel and the United States.

Israeli troops stormed a United Nations welfare depot in the occupied Gaza Strip today, arrested three UN staff and smashed the windows of a UN vehicle, a witness and officials said.

# Soviets pour in aid to Kabul

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP): Soviet military aid to Afghanistan has recently increased, say US sources.

The Soviets this month increased the proportion of arms in daily air cargo shipments to the Afghan capital of Kabul, according to a State Department cable obtained by the Associated Press.

Government sources, basing their calculations on cargo tonnage reported in the cable, said that monthly arms shipments rose to about \$400 million per month from the previous level of between \$250 million and 300 million a month.

US military aid to Afghanistan's mujahedeen rebels has been running at \$550 million to \$600 million per year, according to congressional sources, although the exact level of the covert US programme is classified.

The increase in Soviet military aid to Kabul was to be discussed at a Capitol Hill news conference yesterday by Sen. Gordon Humphrey, a Republican, and Reps. Charles Wilson, a Democrat, and Don Ritter, a Republican.

The State Department cable said the Afghan and Soviet governments boosted the proportion of weapons in air cargo sent to Kabul from about two-thirds of the daily volume to about three-quarters.

The cable challenged Afghan government assertions that attacks by the mujahedeen were causing food shortages in the capital.

"The real cause of any shortages lies in the Kabul regime's decision to give higher priorities to weapons supplies than food," said the cable.

"Most observers believe that the regime is currently allocating over three-fourths of its cargo capacity to moving other cargo, principally munitions, including large supplies of weapons which serve no defensive purpose, such as Soviet missiles," said the cable.

The report of increased arms shipments came the day after Secretary of State James Baker, in a speech in New York, said an earlier boost in Soviet arms deliveries had prolonged the fighting.

One administration analyst, however, said that calculating the exact tonnage and value of Soviet arms shipments to Kabul was very uncertain.

The increase in Soviet arms shipments, and problems among the rebels, who have fought among themselves, have prompted the United States to find new arms routes to the rebels, say congressional and White House sources.

The CIA, working through Pakistani intelligence, is sending fewer arms through seven resistance parties based in Pakistan, and channelling them instead to rebel commander who control the countryside and who increasingly are thought to hold the key to Afghanistan's future, according to the sources.

The Afghan government has sent a large convoy to Kabul in a major operation to resupply the eastern garrison town, which has been besieged by the rebels for the past two months, Western diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They also said troops of the pro-Moscow government have launched an offensive against rebels blocking the highway between Kabul and Jalalabad in a bid to reopen the road for supply convoys to the eastern city.

The Spanish government said that it had appealed to Afghanistan to release a detained Spanish writer but the latter probably arrived after he had received a five-year prison sentence.

# Attempt on Mengistu's life denied

ABU DHABI, Oct 18, (Reuters): An aide to Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam today denied a rebel statement that Mengistu had escaped an assassination attempt and was about to impose a national state of emergency.

"This story by the so-called Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) is absolutely unfounded," Kassa Kebede, central committee member in the ruling workers' party, told Reuters during a visit to Abu Dhabi.

The radio station run by the TPLF rebels said earlier in the day that Mengistu's own bodyguards had tried to kill him.

The Voice of the Tigray Revolution, said TPLF and government representatives had recently met in London to explore possibilities of holding talks to end their 14-year war.

Diplomats in East Africa say there have been wild rumours about plots against Mengistu in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa since Mengistu violently crushed an attempted military takeover by the country's military commanders in May.

The role of Emperor Haile Selassie was toppled in 1974.

## Mass wedding

NICOSIA, Oct 18, (Reuters): Five hundred couples were married yesterday at a mass wedding ceremony in Tehran marking the eve of the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), the Iranian news agency Irna reported.

Cyprus protests: Cyprus protested to the five permanent members of the UN Security Council today about plans to settle more ethnic Turks from Bulgaria in Turkish-occupied north Cyprus.

Government spokesman Akis Pantis said the protest was made directly at the United Nations in New York to the five members: Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States. (AP)

Libya denies airlifting: The official Libyan news agency yesterday denied claims by Somali rebels that Tripoli had airlifted military equipment to the government in Somalia.

The Somali National Front, formed in 1981 to overthrow Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre, said Monday that Libya had airlifted at least 700 pilots, tank and artillery crewmen and technicians to Somalia to help fight the rebels. (AP)

UN halves water ration: The United Nations has almost halved water rations to 350,000 Somali refugees in Ethiopia because of budget cuts, the UN refugee agency said today.

The Addis Ababa office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it had cut the daily water supply at Hartisabek refugee camp in the arid Ogaden desert in eastern Ethiopia from 800,000 to 450,000 litres. (Reuters)

Byzantine ruins discovered: Byzantine ruins unearthed outside a main entrance to occupied Jerusalem's walled old city will be buried again under dirt and asphalt unless the city alters plans for a multi-million-dollar road.

The multi-lane highway is part of a mammoth project which will eradicate a large remnant of the old city which divided Jerusalem occupied East Jerusalem from Israeli occupied West Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967. (Reuters)

Palestinian adviser appointed: Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar appointed Francis Blanchard as his special adviser on economic development in the occupied Palestinian territories, his spokesman announced yesterday.

## US rejects request to defect

The US embassy has rejected a Soviet artist's bid to defect and told him to apply to the United Nations for refugee status instead.

Daoud Aiyev, of Soviet Azerbaijan, did that today, asking the Cairo office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to put him under its protection. (AP)

Khamenei amnesties prisoners: Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday amnestied 48 people serving jail terms for minor offences in seven Iranian cities, Tehran radio said.

The amnesties were announced on the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH) birthday, which Iran celebrates today, and follows a tradition set by the late Ayatollah Khomeini. (UPI)

Turkey continues probe: Turkish police continued their probe yesterday into the bomb attack on a Saudi diplomat in Ankara, but found no immediate clues indicating that Islamic fundamentalist groups were responsible, officials said.

Abdurehman Shurei, a diplomat in the Saudi Arabian military attaché's office in Ankara had part of both legs blown off in the attack Monday, when a bomb exploded in his car as he was parking it after arriving at work. (UPI)

Tel Aviv-Moscow flights: The Israeli and Soviet national airline companies have reached a preliminary agreement for launching the first direct flights between Tel Aviv and Moscow, a spokesman for the Israeli airline El Al said today.

The mass-circulation Yediot Ahronot daily said an agreement was reached in Moscow earlier this week between El Al director Rafi Har-El and top officials of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline. No starting date for the flights was given.

Amnesty International seeks: Amnesty International has asked Jordan to provide information on the conditions of detained members of a radical Palestinian commando group seized during a probe into the smuggling of weapons for attacks on Israel.

The London-based human rights organisation said in a statement received in Amman today that it had asked Jordan to release information on the arrest of at least nine members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). (Reuters)

Jordan trying to halt attacks: Jordan has built up its border defences to combat a surge of rebel attacks on Israel, Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Israel has reported seven attacks from Jordan this year, including infiltrations and rocket attacks. Palestinians including responsibility for some. The border is usually closed despite an official state of war between Israel and Jordan. (Reuters)

# Bashir gearing for war, says Garang

NAIROBI, Oct 18, (AP): Sudanese rebel leader John Garang has accused Sudan's government of preparing for fresh offensives against the southern guerrillas despite its talk of the possibility of a negotiated peace.

"These people want war. They are building up their armaments," Garang told a news conference. "They want peace at the barrel of a gun."

Sudan's government of Lt. Gen. Omar Al-Bashir, who seized power in a June 30 coup, and a delegation from Garang's Sudan People's Liberation Army held their first round of peace talks Aug 19-20.

Those discussions ended in stalemate, but Bashir has been quoted as saying a second round of talks is expected to start after a current government-organised peace conference in Khartoum ends Oct 18.

Garang said he had not been notified of a second round of talks, but that his rebels were "sitting at the table" waiting for the government to join them in further peace discussions.



Garang... they are building up

# Sudan court asks families of victims to decide on death penalty

KHARTOUM, Oct 18, (AP): A Sudanese court is asking the families of seven victims of a terrorist gang's bomb to decide whether the five Palestinians live or die.

Among the victims were a British couple and their two small children, whose relatives are quakers opposed to the death penalty.

But contrary to a statement last month by an appeals court, the couple's relatives and the parents of a fifth British victim, a teacher for a relief agency, say they haven't agreed to pardon the bombers.

The seven, five Britons and two Sudan-

ese, died in May 1988 when an explosive device blew the roof off a Khartoum hotel dining room where the British victims and one of the Sudanese had just sat down for Sunday night dinner. The other Sudanese victim was a waiter.

Dinah Rolfe, whose son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren died in the blast, said in Britain that she and her husband Edward do not want the killer executed. But she added: "We don't think it's sensible to let them go free so that they can kill again."

The Palestinians were caught just after

the bombing and a simultaneous machine gun attack on a nearby private club restricted to citizens of Commonwealth nations. They told investigators they were avenging the assassination, reportedly by Israeli intelligence agents, of Khalil El-Wazir, a close adviser to PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The official Sudan news agency this week quoted a judiciary source as saying the court of appeal has asked the government to notify families of the victims to appear personally on Jan 3 and say whether they want the sentence carried out.

At issue now is a stipulation of Sudan's Islamic law, that came into effect with a recent appeals court order changing the assassination conviction to premeditated murder.

As Islamic law, does not deal with the political crime of assassination, that crime can be punished under the laws of man.

But sharia decrees that the family of a murder victim can decide whether the convicted person should be executed, made to pay restitution and be pardoned or be pardoned outright.



## Kuwait denies Nicaragua military aid request report

recruiting employees on contractual basis, Bdaawi stated that the current policy stressed on obtaining these qualifications and expertise from the local market.

However, where specialised technical expertise is required and this is not available in the local market, non-Kuwaitis are permitted to apply, Bdaawi said.

The minister said the talks President Ortega had in Kuwait covered, in addition to bilateral relations, exchange of viewpoints regarding various issues of interest to the Non-Aligned Movement's member states and centred on achieving peace in Central America and the Gulf Region in particular.

On the issue of problems at private schools, the official said that this is a universal issue.

Saudi Arabia has invested \$25 billion in agriculture, especially the growth of wheat, along with water development and desalination schemes.

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## De Klerk means business, it seems

SOUTH Africa's release of Walter Sisulu and seven other prominent political prisoners has convinced a broad range of opinion in the United States that South African President FW de Klerk means business.

The release and other recent moves by the white minority government have been interpreted as evidence of a serious desire to reshape South Africa's apartheid system, which denies political rights to the black majority.

"The steps De Klerk has taken are very significant, although they are of course only a beginning," said an administration official. "We have found ample reason...to believe that it's worth giving De Klerk the benefit of the doubt for now."

"What do we do now? We watch some more and we think about ways to be helpful in any process that gets going," the official said. "As long as there is a process of engagement, it doesn't make sense to talk of deadlines or more sanctions."

Apart from Sisulu's release, the administration is encouraged by De Klerk's meeting last week with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other leading anti-apartheid clergymen and by the fact that peaceful black demonstrations have been permitted.

The Bush administration has tread a careful line on South Africa. It has acknowledged that trade sanctions reluctantly imposed by its predecessor, under pressure from Congress, have helped stimulate new thinking within the white community there.

But it has resisted extending sanctions, saying its policy must be a balance of pressures and incentives.

Washington will now be watching for a willingness by Pretoria to engage in dialogue with genuine black leaders and for moves towards lifting restrictions on the banned African National Congress (ANC) and the release of its leader Nelson Mandela, in prison since 1964.

"They are certainly moving towards unbanning the ANC, which would satisfy many of the demands for a beginning of real negotiations," said Herman Nickel, who served as US ambassador to South Africa from 1982 to 1986.

"It's striking the degree to which they are allowing Mandela to transform himself from a martyr to an active political leader again while still behind bars," said Nickel, now with the US Institute for Peace.

Some analysts believe the latest developments will strengthen those voices seeking tough new sanctions on US imports of key South African minerals such as gold and chromium.

"The intellectual argument over sanctions has been won," said Herbert Howe, head of African studies at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

"People like (Democratic Senator) Edward Kennedy will keep mobilising for sanctions, especially moves designed particularly to hurt white South Africans," he said.

De Klerk's actions have drawn plaudits from an unusually wide range of American opinion, liberal liberals and conservatives in a rare chorus of praise.

Liberal Washington Post columnist Stephen Rosenfeld recently compared De Klerk to advantage with Israel's Hardline Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, urging the latter to show some of the courage of the South African leader.

## Tension gone, suspicion stays

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak, in two days of low-key talks with his old protagonist Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, has reduced much of the long-standing tension between the neighbouring states.

But diplomats said on Wednesday each leader had his own reasons for mending the long standing rift, and it could take years for deeply-embedded suspicion to evaporate.

"I think Mubarak has removed some of the more menacing aspects of the relationship with his downbeat approach, but I don't see ties going far beyond that," said one Western envoy.

The two leaders, meeting on Monday in the Egyptian resort of Mersa Matruh and the following day in the Libyan garrison town of Tobruk, have agreed to set up offices in each other's capitals but they fell short of restoring full relations.

In Cairo, workmen have been repairing the villa, now fallen into disrepair, where Libya once had a diplomatic presence before links were cut in December 1977 after border clashes.

The only other concrete agreement to emerge from the talks was to allow Libyans and Egyptians to cross the frontier — reopened last June — on production of their identity cards.

Egyptian media reported on Wednesday, however, that there was more to it than that.

Libyan visitors, local newspapers and Cairo radio reported, would be issued with a special identity card or travel document, and Egyptians heading for Libya would have to conform with conventional form-filling procedures.

"I think the Egyptians must be a little concerned by the prospect of Libyans flooding into Cairo from the point of view of security, particularly in view of the presence of the US and Israeli embassies," said one European envoy.

Egypt is the only Arab country to have made peace with Israel while Khaddafi has said on more than one occasion that the Jewish state should cease to exist. (Cairo — Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1768 — Turkey declares war on Russia to defend Polish liberties.
- 1781 — British troops under Cornwallis capitulate at Yorktown Virginia, as American revolutionary war nears end.
- 1813 — Napoleon Bonaparte begins retreat from Moscow.
- 1912 — Bulgarians begin siege of Turkish City of Adrianople in Balkan war.
- 1915 — Japan signs treaty of London.
- 1921 — Revolution in Lisbon.
- 1925 — Italy completes occupation of Italian Somaliland.
- 1935 — League of Nations imposes sanctions against Italy.
- 1944 — US troops land in Philippines in World War II.
- 1957 — West Germany severs relations with Yugoslavia.
- 1960 — United States places embargo on shipment to Cuba.
- 1962 — Fighting erupts between Indian and Chinese troops on two fronts on the disputed Himalayan border between India and China.
- 1973 — Libya, angered by United States' Middle East policy, orders halt of all oil shipments to United States and almost doubles prices.
- 1976 — Triple veto in UN Security Council by Britain, France and United States blocks resolution that would have embargoed arms shipments to South Africa.
- 1977 — South Africa bans black protest groups, closes leading black newspaper in the country, and arrests the editor and other blacks in raids.
- 1987 — Two trains collide head on south of Jakarta, Indonesia, killing 102 people and injuring about 300.
- 1988 — Rocket fired by Muslim guerrillas kills 9 people and injures 17 near Kabul airport.

## War on drugs is a skirmish

Benazir pledges to halt heroin trade

PRIME MINISTER Benazir Bhutto's war on drugs is still just a skirmish.

Benazir pleaded the United States, a major ally, earlier this year when she pledged to halt the heroin trade that has tarnished Pakistan internationally and poses a major threat at home.

US officials reciprocated with \$1.5 million in new assistance during her American visit in June, more than doubling drug enforcement aid to Pakistan.

"Benazir has made a major effort that is supported by the people of Pakistan," says US Ambassador to Pakistan Robert Oakley.

Western drug enforcement officials, however, complain that Benazir's new effort has yet to take off.

"Benazir feels strongly about narcotics and wants to be seen by the US as doing something," says a foreign drug enforcement official. "The vibes are positive, but it hasn't translated into much yet."

She has arrested major drug traffickers, and some were extradited to the US. But they are likely to get off because of poor police investigation and weak legal evidence.

"The level of investigation is so poor, they can't even crack a street-dealing case, let alone go after a drug cartel," says a Pakistani familiar with drug enforcement. "The money in this business is so big, they can buy anyone."

Drug money and corruption have so compromised law enforcement that an effective police crackdown is impossible. "The corruption is so ingrained," says a Western drug enforcement official, "for 100 rupees (\$5) a day, you can get someone on the inside to watch the narcotics control board."

And although Benazir anti-drug resolve is sincere, Western officials say, she confronts a nexus of drug dealers and politicians — a legacy of the regime of the late President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq — which also touches her own Pakistan People's Party.

Indeed, Western officials fear that drug enforcement could become paralyzed by Benazir's growing political standoff with right-wing opponents led by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif.

In August, officials in her government say, the prime minister cancelled foreign trips because the drug mafia in league with the political opposition was urging the Army to declare martial law.

Benazir was elected last December after Zia's death a year ago in a mysterious airplane crash. Zia ruled Pakistan for eleven years, much of it under martial law.

Benazir's noisy battle with the opposition has led to other confrontations. She has not spoken for two months to the conservative and powerful President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who wields a sweeping constitutional check on the prime minister, political observers say.

The dispute stems from Benazir's effort to forcibly retire a high-level military official, a change foiled by the president. The incident left some quarters of the army uneasy with what was seen as Benazir's meddling in the military.

"There's been a definite change in the sincerity and the desire of the government to do something about drugs and to go after the big dealers," says a Western diplomat. "The big question now is, does she have the political staying power to do it?"

Pakistan's drug problem continues to spread. There are now 800,000 to 1 million addicts in the country, up from a negligible number in 1979.

At that time, the West-flowing opium trade was diverted to Pakistan by a drug crackdown in eastern Turkey, the Islamic revolution in Iran, and the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, also a major poppy-producing area.

Soon, the emerging Pakistani market was glutted with cheap drugs. Drug barons penetrated easily the politically unstable and economically weak society, where Islamic prohibitions on liquor also contributed to drug use. In Pakistan's largest city, Karachi, the drug trade has fuelled escalating ethnic tensions.

Western officials claim a new awareness of the drug threat is growing in Pakistan and has led to some enforcement success in areas where the opium-producing poppy is grown.

Last winter, opium production fell about 25 per cent, to 150 metric tons. But much of the drop was due to late rains and higher prices for alternate crops. As a result, enforcement could be maintained this year but output could still rebound due to these other factors.

The arrests of several major operators have made dealers and their political clients more wary, Pakistani and Western officials say.

Last April, Farooq Hamid, a pilot of the late President Zia, was arrested for smuggling heroin. A month later, Malik Salim, a known pedlar, was extradited to the US after a long legal battle.

In July, Iqbal Beg, a movie theatre owner in Lahore who was known as an international drug kingpin with powerful political connections, was arrested in Islamabad.

The government also reportedly is planning to

The drug trade in Pakistan has become so widespread that it is now said to include government officials, army officers, businessmen and even members of the Afghan resistance movement.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has pledged to halt the

heroin trade, which has tarnished her country's image. However, observers feel that her war on the drug lords faces a lot of obstacles because drug money and corruption have compromised the law enforcement to such an extent that any effective action seems impossible.



Benazir Bhutto: effort

bring drug-related charges against Fazle Haq, a retired general and former chief minister of the Northwest Frontier Province.

Haq was arrested in July for the murder last year of a Peshawar religious leader. He is rumoured to have links with drug syndicates.

However, the cases are long-standing and not the result of recent work since Benazir set up a special narcotics ministry and reorganized the narcotics control division.

Indeed, Western officials and Pakistani observers say the government will have a tough time winning convictions because of inadequate investigations by a corrupt and disillusioned police force.

Nor can Western officials ignite a crackdown against 100 heroin labs tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan. Opium output there is six to eight times larger than that of Pakistan.

Corruption from the drug trade has become so widespread that it now includes government officials, army officers, businessmen, and members of the Afghan resistance based in Peshawar. Western officials feel only an extensive operation by paramilitary forces could root out the drug trade.

However, drug enforcement action in the

province could provoke political turmoil for Benazir. She is in a coalition government there with politicians supported by tribes involved in poppy cultivation for generations.

Western officials say an end to the conflict in Afghanistan could lead to a more effective clampdown on the lawless border region.

But it also could worsen, Western and Pakistani officials concede, especially if the factional infighting among the Afghan rebels known as the mujahideen continues. Also Afghan refugees, some of whom have developed international drug know-how and connections, could turn to drugs as they return to the devastated country.

"The 'muj' fears the cutoff of arms from the West," says a Pakistani official. "They may turn more to drugs for the money to buy arms on the international market."

"There's no doubt that the 'muj' and the Afghans are heavily involved," says a foreign drug enforcement official.

"This is a real worry. When the refugees go back, with all their farms and villages devastated, what else are they going to turn to?" (Islamabad — CSM).

## Let us pray

Sir: It is honour for all Muslims to celebrate Melad ul Nabi. Fourteen hundred years ago Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) was born in Holy Makkah on this day. He was a good reformer who fought a long battle against those who showed right path to nation. He delivered the message of Almighty Allah. He taught the people that there is no God but Allah who has created this world and is owner of all things, and is owner of day of judgement, where all of us would be given reward for what we have been doing in this world.

Thank God, we are Muslims, we have strong faith in Allah and his Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). But very sorry to write that Muslims in the world have forgotten the preaching of Mohammed (PBUH), preaching of Islam.

This world is nothing but a dream, which attracts too much. We all are here for a little time. We have to suffer death. How many have been departed who were with us and whom we knew. In the same way we will die one day sooner or later.

So we should think what we have done for day of judgement. Let us act upon the preaching of Islam, preaching of Mohammed (PBUH). Let us pray five times a day, let us recite the Holy Quran and pass the life as told. Let us speak truth, let us work hard, let us get education, let us respect each other, help each other, love each other. Let us spend for the poor. Let us beg from Almighty Allah, his blessings. He may forgive us. We are hopeless, we are poor, we are having the life which is full of sins. O, Almighty God help us forgive us for the sake of Mohammed (PBUH) whose day of Milad we celebrate. We are worst and having a sinful life but, atleast we are from umma of Your Prophet whom You love much, for whom You created this world, for whom You gave honour, for whom You recommended Drowd as You Almighty and Your Angels do the same.

Let us pray for Muslims of the world who are suffering today. Muslims of Afghanistan, India, Palestine, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Philippines and every where in the world.

Nasim Iqbal Khan, Sahiwal.

## Publish Urdu pages

SIR: I wish to draw your attention towards an important issue. As you know, only Arab Times had privilege to publish Urdu pages in the whole Gulf area. It was an excellent medium for large number of Urdu speaking community both Indians and Pakistanis to express themselves in their own language.

This community is in Kuwait for a long time and have played an active part in its development and constructions. Now they are deprived of this facility.

I presume hundred per cent people from our community used to buy 'Arab Times', only due to presence of Urdu pages. You are well-known for your open and adventurous policies. Any reader can observe Filipino Digest and irrelevant stories of cats and dogs in the US. Moreover there are Malayalam pages in the other English newspaper in Kuwait. So, why not Urdu pages? Please revert to publish Urdu pages along with English.

Abdul Karim Safat.

## Mother India

Sir: In an article on Indian cinema published in the TV programme magazine, I read that Nargis in Mahboob Khan's "Mother India" (1957) played the title role. But as far as I know "Mother India" is short for "our mother India" and it does not mean at all mothers of India or the Indian mother. The vocabulary, mother refers to India and not to Nargis. India is the mother of all Indians. Actress Nargis was not the mother of India neither on nor off screen.

Ali Behbehani, Hawaii.

## Quote me

"We do not think of such things... We do not want to become slaves again, neither of the house capitalists, nor of the capitalists and imperialists abroad. Let those gentlemen have no illusion and no concern: no one will ever work for them in Romania." Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu saying his country is not for the foreigners initiated by Poland and Hungary.

"We don't reject violence, it is not because (the ANC) believes in violence for its own sake. It is because of compelling conditions. Remove the compelling conditions and there will be peace." — Walter Sisulu advocating the doctrine of an eye for an eye.

"The pressure must be sustained. There must be no chance for the government to retreat and reorganize. Democracy — I know it to be only one thing: a vote for all. There is no other democracy. We have got fundamental differences of that with the government." — Walter Sisulu on why pressure must continue unabated on the Pretoria regime.

"I find the spirit of the people different. I think there is much greater political consciousness, greater awareness, greater unity." ANC leader Walter Sisulu on changes since he was imprisoned.

"The way forward is not to set it back and not to put artificial deadlines upon people. You must allow the reform process to go forward to prove its worth." Britain urging patience on dealing with the dismantling of apartheid.

"I know that you are going to want to bury that past because you don't want to be leaving here accomplices in the continuation of the war, the pain, the tears and the death." President Oscar Arias of Costa Rica at peace talks between rebels and the government.

"Basically, the government proposals is to stop the fighting, without basis or discussion — simply silence the guns. This is an absurd, illogical and inflexible scheme." Joaquin Villalobos, a leader of the Farabundo National Liberation Front ridiculing the Costa Rican government for its inflexibility.

"I am admirer of Elvis from Russia. I am ambassador of Russian rock 'n' roll. I love rock 'n' roll many, many years. I am happy to be here today." — Kolya Vasin, a Soviet fan of Elvis who came to America solely to visit Graceland, Elvis' home.

"The cold war in Africa is over. It's fair to say that in Africa, there is more cooperation than non-cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union." — Herman Cohen, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, contrasting the detente in Africa to that between the US and the Soviet Union.

## Memorial Day will help heal wounds

## Hungarians reassessing their past

THE anniversary next week of a bloody revolt quashed by Soviet tanks 33-years-ago will show just how much Hungary has changed over the past 12 months.

Last year on October 23, police broke up peaceful attempts to commemorate the 1956 uprising, which cost 25,000 lives, injured 150,000 and led 200,000 Hungarians to emigrate.

But this month the reformist government of Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth declared Oct 23 a national memorial day and Hungarians will be able to take to the streets en masse on that date for the first time in more than three decades.

"This year is the first time where the context of the 1956 anniversary is different," says Miklos Haraszti, spokesman for the opposition Alliance of Free Democrats.

"For the first time since then we are cautiously and peacefully trying to make the conditions for a real transition to democracy."

Since Nemeth became premier last November, Hungary has begun restoring the multi-party system which was suppressed when the communists took power in the late 1940s and revived for a few days in 1956 before the Soviet intervention.

Hungary's first multi-party elections since 1956 are due by the middle of next year.

The government hopes the Memorial Day will help heal wounds still festering more than three decades after a pivotal event in Hungarian history. The country is divided into a majority who believe the uprising was a thwarted "revolution"

seeking democracy and national independence and those who fought to suppress it as a "counter-revolution."

Under Janos Kadar, installed by Soviet tanks in 1956 and Hungary's Communist leader until May 1988, the mere subject of 1956 was taboo and the majority view was repressed.

So was the name of Imre Nagy, a former comrade of Kadar who became prime minister on the second day of the uprising and then sided with the "revolutionary" demands for greater democracy and national independence.

It was Nagy's formation of a multi-party government and announcement of Hungary's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact that provoked an invasion of Soviet tanks on November 4, 1956. He was hanged for treason in 1958 and buried in an unmarked grave.

But this year the Communist Party — which transformed itself this month into a Western-style Socialist Party — has lined up with the majority of Hungarians by reassessing its attitude to 1956 and to Nagy.

The revolt is no longer a "counter-revolution" but a "people's uprising". Nagy has been exhumed from his unmarked grave, rehabilitated and buried with honour. Nemeth even says his government draws inspiration from Nagy.

Such a radical change in official attitudes to 1956 goes too far for traditional communists who regard Nagy and other reformers as "liquidators" of their party.

Roland Antoniewicz, leader of a new hardline group called the Janos Kadar Society, says the plans for Oct 23 to be a Memorial Day are "anti-communist". He wants a general strike on Nov 7, anniversary of the Russian revolution.

But for opposition groups the Memorial Day does not go far enough. They want October 23 to be a full national holiday as is March 15, anniversary of an 1848 revolt against Habsburg rule. March 15 this year replaced November 7 as a work-free day.

"It is a huge step forward that we can celebrate October 23 publicly," said Imre Mecs, a member of the Committee for Historical Justice which fought for Nagy's rehabilitation.

Mecs, who survived sentence of death for his activities during the uprising, praised the government decision as an important step towards national reconciliation.

"But a Memorial Day is only a half-way measure," he told Reuters. "We want it to be a red-letter national holiday."

Opposition groups, which will become political parties after parliament passes a new party law this week, plan a series of events through Budapest on Oct 23.

Haraszti predicts a "fiesta" atmosphere, despite the tragic events to be remembered.

On the eve of the anniversary, the foundation stone of a memorial for "The fallen of the 1956 revolution" will be erected in plot 21 of Budapest's Imre Mezo Street cemetery. (Budapest — Reuters).



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Deep oil in Arab countries

### Kuwait has 60pc of oil reserves

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times staff

ESTIMATES indicate that more than 60 per cent of the deep oil reserves of the Arab countries are to be found in Kuwait (17.9 billion barrels) while some 55 per cent of the deep gas reserves appear to be located in the United Arab Emirates (50 trillion cubic feet).

According to a paper presented by Kenneth J. Chew of Petroconsultants, Geneva, at the recent seminar on "Deep Formations" in Abu Dhabi, there are indications that the Greater Burgan field in Kuwait contains the largest reserves of deep reservoir oil, while Umm Shaif in the UAE apparently has the largest deep gas reserves.

The estimate of the total deep hydrocarbon reserves of the Arab countries is around 29,300 million barrels of oil and condensate and 91,300 billion cubic feet of gas. This works out to a total oil equivalent of 42,450 million barrels.

The first deep well in the region was spudded at Ratawi in Iraq way back in November, 1948, and took almost 17 months to complete. That was also the first deep discovery, abandoned as it was after a gas blow-out.

Since 1950, deep exploration wells have been completed each year, with the maximum number of reported deep completions (70) being reached in 1982 and again in 1984. The trend over the past 40 years has been one of increasing numbers of deep wells being drilled.

Only 31 deep exploration wells were reported completed in 1988, however, a decline of 39 from the peak four years earlier.

According to the paper, out of the 1,092 deep exploratory wells reported in the period 1950-88, four countries account for 73 per cent of the total. They are Egypt, Libya, the United Arab Emirates and Algeria.

Within the 22 Arab countries, 44 geological provinces are known to have been tested at depth by one or more wells. Lebanon is the only country for which no deep drilling has been reported.

The 114 deep reservoirs in the region occur in 85 separate fields and discoveries, restricted to just 12 of the 44 geological provinces in which deep wells have been drilled. As might be expected, the Arabian basin, with 61 reservoirs in 39 fields and discoveries, is the most prolific, the paper says.

It says that the deepest well so far reported is Burgan 399, a deep-pool wildcat in the Burgan field, spudded by the Kuwait Oil Company, in December, 1979.

Of the 44 geological provinces with recorded deep drilling, 31 can be said to be at a very immature stage of exploration with less than one wildcat well per 5,000 sq km. Of the remaining twelve provinces which have a reported drilling density of between 1,000 and 5,000 sq km per wildcat, nine are in North Africa and only three, the Southeast Mediterranean, the Dead Sea Graben and the Oman basin, are in the Near East.

The paper concludes that there can be little doubt that the combination of hydrocarbon richness and exploration immaturity indicated in the Arabian and Zagros provinces, implies a substantial potential for future discoveries in these areas.

## Dollar steadies, stocks rise

### Quake adds new uncertainty

#### Currency market movements

LONDON, Oct 18, (Reuters): The following table shows the latest closes of key indices on major world stock exchanges, the day's change in points and the indices' 1989 high and low (with dates). Also shown are the London closes of the West German mark, the Japanese yen, the pound sterling and gold bullion (previous closes in brackets).

	Oct 18	Day's change	1989 High	1989 Low
New York	2,650.20	+11.47	2,791.41	2,144.64
London	2,170.1	+34.6	2,426.0	1,782.3
Tokyo	34,107.56	+111.48	35,689.96	30,183.79
Frankfurt	623.26	+9.24	650.21	593.7
Paris	519.9	-6.6	561.6	417.5
Sydney	1,629.2	-33.4	1,781.8	1,412.7
Hong Kong	2,628.55	-67.35	3,309.64	2,093.61

Foreign exchange/gold bullion close in London  
Dollar/mark 1.8520 marks (1.8525)  
Dollar/yen 141.55 yen (141.50)  
Pound/dollar \$1.970 (1.9830)  
Gold \$368.25 (\$367.75)

Indices used and their all-time highs  
New York Dow Jones Industrial Average — 2,791.41 (Oct 9/89)  
London FTSE index — 2,443.4 (July 16/87)  
Tokyo Nikkei Average — 35,689.96 (Sept 28/89)  
Frankfurt Fax index — 753.38 (April 17/86)  
Paris CAC General index — 561.6 (Oct 1/89)  
Sydney Australian All-Ordinaries index — 2,305.9 (Sept 21/87)  
Hong Kong Hang Seng index — 3,949.73 (Oct 1/87)

price of gasoil, from which diesel fuel and heating oil are distilled, to their highest levels for almost four years.

"It is not quantified yet but anyone who has got any interest in that area will be concerned that they may not be able to fulfil deals and they have gone into the market to cover themselves," said one London dealer.

The December Gasoil contract on the international petroleum exchange rose to a peak of \$186.50 a tonne before drifting back to \$182.75, still well up from its previous close of \$174.00.

The dollar shrugged off news of the earthquake and figures showing that US housing starts had fallen to a seven-year low in September and steadied at the close of European trading.

Earlier trading was mixed, and

prices hit a plateau when some investors sold issues for arbitrage deals to make profits, but the Nikkei index rose quickly as participants picked up steel, construction and food issues, said Tomoyuki Morimoto, a dealer with New Japan Securities Co., Ltd. in Tokyo.

He said the Tokyo market did not react negatively to news reports shortly after the market's opening about a severe earthquake in San Francisco, measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale.

In currency dealings, the dollar remained higher following its strength in New York despite a larger-than-expected US trade deficit reported yesterday, traders said.

The deficit rose to \$10.77 billion in August, up from a revised \$8.24 billion in July.

"The exchange rates moved little as market players had no idea why the dollar remained strong despite negative news to the dollar," including Friday's stock plunge and a widened trade deficit, said a trader with the Bank of Tokyo, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Because market players were inclined to avoid making major moves, the currency fluctuation remained small," he said.

In London, shares rallied today to close sharply higher after fears subsided over what effect the California earthquake would have on Wall Street.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index jumped 34.6 points, or 1.6 per cent, to close at its session high of 2,170.1.

The key index had been under pressure most of the morning over concerns the California earthquake would undermine Wall Street and translate into sharper declines for London.

But London's fortunes turned after dealers reappraised the direct impact of the disaster on British shares and New York rebounded from its early disaster-led losses.

"The reading was that the earthquake is a direct problem for Wall Street," a dealer with the London investment firm Hoare Govett Ltd., noted.

## New growth era to be reviewed

### Oil and money conference

LONDON, Oct 18, (Opecna): Two Opec oil ministers, their counterparts from Norway and the organisation's secretary general, Dr Subroto, are due to address the two-day annual oil and money conference which opens here tomorrow.

In a major speech opening the conference, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, Saudi Arabian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Hisham M. Nazer will be outlining his views on and projections for "a new decade — a new growth era," the theme of this year's discussions.

In the evening at a celebratory dinner, Opec secretary general Dr Subroto will be the guest speaker. He is also due to take part in a panel discussion Friday afternoon on the highlights of the last 10 years and the challenges of the next decade.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi is scheduled to make the opening address on the second day of the meeting.

Outgoing Norwegian Petroleum and Energy Minister Arne Oien will be assessing the outlook for co-operation among oil producers in the 1990s. Since early 1987, Norway has supported Opec efforts at restoring oil market stability by maintaining a 7.5 per cent voluntary cut in planned production growth, renewing it every six months.

British Secretary of Energy John Wakeham will be outlining his country's "free market" energy policy, while W. Henson Moore, US Deputy Energy Secretary, will speak about the energy policy of the Bush administration.

Other speakers include Robert Mabro, director of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, Jean Neo, President of the Paris-based Institut Francaise de Petrole, C.J. Filas, chairman of the US-based Phillip Petroleum and European Economic Community Energy commission Antonio Cardoso E Cunha.

Conference co-ordinator, Brenda Hagerty told Opecna today that this year's talks would focus on "issues of prominence" in oil and energy as the world enters the next decade.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Oct 18, (Reuters): A major earthquake in San Francisco spurred an already jittery Australian share market which retreated amid concerns about Wall Street's direction today. The All Ordinaries index closed 33.4 down at 1,629.2.

TOKYO: Wary investors with an eye on the dollar let the Tokyo index float up slowly on Tuesday's momentum to close broadly higher. The Nikkei climbed 111.48 to 34,107.56.

HONG KONG: Nervous local investors sold stocks ahead of the New York opening on expected falls in insurance stocks after the US earthquake. The Hang Seng index fell 67.35 points to 2,628.55.

SINGAPORE: The market closed easier across the board, but above the day's lows on late short-covering and some bargain hunting. The Straits Times industrial index fell 31.61 points to 1,310.22.

BOMBAY: Share prices rebounded on heavy buying by state-owned investment trusts after Tuesday's slump. Tata Steel, Nocl and Volvas firmed Rs35 to 1,210.

ZURICH: The All-Share performance index gained 6.5 points to 1,122.3 but insurers fell due to the San Francisco earthquake.

PARIS: Takeover speculation returned to a market encouraged by Wall Street's firmness. The CAC-40 index gained 1.34 per cent to 1,828.13.

## Beware of financial advisers

### A timely warning

By Tony Mustafa  
Special to the Arab Times

THE rather altruistic motive of wishing to share the abundance of technical and managerial expertise which we enjoy in our own countries with our less developed neighbours on this planet, does motivate many people to come here but, apart from that, I have found that there seems to be about four common goals amongst expats.

- 1) A desire to amass capital.
- 2) An utmost pathological hate of high taxation.
- 3) The urge to escape a regimented, dull life "in the rat."
- 4) "Escape the cold weather."

I would like to concentrate on numbers 1 and 2 but am the first to acknowledge that these should not take absolute precedence over numbers 3 and 4 — there is little point in selling today for tomorrow, it would be verging on the foolhardy to commit oneself to a hard and fast course of action within the first three or four months, especially in relation to saving money.

After all, there is the new video, the sound system, the missing kitchen equipment etc. to buy and the cost of living decreases as you get to know the wrinkles in this almost totally strange environment.

However, for those of us who have progressed beyond that initial three or four months, it will be a very interesting exercise to spend five minutes assessing the motives, in writing, which brought us out here in the first place and to then, in corresponding column, chart how far we have got towards achieving these goals. Question: How do you eat an elephant? Answer: You cut him up into manageable sections and eat him one portion at a time until it's all gone! Easy, isn't it? But you have got to make a start sometime and procrastination is the thief of time! I am assuming of course, that the answers that emerged from the five minutes paper exercises proved to be, as they nearly always do, short of the desired objectives — sometimes woefully so.

However, before you dash out to make the monthly remittance to wherever it may be, it might be as well to tidy up the existing mess first, if such exists.

Tax affairs in the country of origin should be looked at and your tax authorities informed of the fact that you have moved outside their jurisdiction; have you got an unclaimed tax rebate due to you if you left midway through a tax year? What is your status with your Health Authority? (Medicare???) if retained by Australian, can you use your non-resident status for tax purposes; have you opened offshore bank accounts, current and deposit, or are you incurring tax via bank interest back at home?

Have you leased your house at home or is it on a care and maintenance footing awaiting your return? How does this affect your non-resident for tax status? Do your solicitors, accountants, bankers, advisors etc. know how to get hold of you? Have you made a will? Are your possessions insured? If you can answer yes to all these, then you are a running indeed — I meet one of your ilk about once every six months!

So...now you have cleared the deck for action and you are on the starting blocks, hot to trot! Where to? You look to the business pages of the "Arab Times" and discover that the Nikkei Dow is at an all-time high, the Hang Seng is at a post-crash high, the Dow Jones continues to stagnate and London has managed to pierce the psychological barrier of 2000 and now stands at 2318.

There is no need to give it up as all too difficult however, help and guidance are at hand if you care to seek them out. Matching investments to needs is rarely simple and a detailed knowledge of the characteristics of each type of investment is almost imperative, since it enables you to choose between several apparently similar competing bid-

ders for your hardwon funds.

There are a number of firms who can advise on this matching of need to exact investment type and, very often their services are free to the client, since almost the whole of the investment world exists on brokerage rather than client fees.

There are exceptions to this rule, of course, and it is up to you to ensure that, in the event of fees being charged, you are not paying through the nose for what is available round the next corner for nothing! It is well worth seeking advice, however, since, at the very least, it will give you a yardstick against which you may measure your own decisions and conclusions.

In view of what is happening in Europe and America at present, I think it's an opportune moment to voice a word of warning on "financial advisers." If you look in the correspondence columns of "Resident Abroad" and similar financial publications, you will find them full of horror stories about people who received phone calls from Barcelona, Lisbon, Andorra and all promising an "inside track" on new investment opportunities in companies manufacturing such oddities as Cooching Black Lights etc. and promising fantastic results.

Once the gullible investor has parted with a cheque, (offer closes in five days) the broker disappears in a flash of black light and is seen no more. So far, I have heard of this happening in Kuwait, and we do suffer from fly-in type "hit-men" who tend to indulge in a week or fortnight of hard-selling techniques before disappearing for a further year, then putting in a brief re-appearance.

This has proved very difficult for some Kuwait residents who wish to check or progress or re-adjust their finances since communications with Lichtenstein or Andorra can be a little difficult at times and detailed discussions as to the best course of action, even if conducted by Fax or Telex can prove a very expensive business.

Choose instead, I suggest, a reputable firm who have a fulltime presence and, preferably, in one of the accredited financial capitals i.e. London, New York, Sydney or such and ensure that this presence is more than just an accommodation address. Also, check that it is not just a Sales Organisation for one particular institution or company.

Having found this not-too-elusive adviser, you must now instruct him as to the degree of risk which you are willing to undertake. This will immediately allow him to concentrate his planning efforts on roughly twenty per cent of the available options. Don't be too inflexible on this, of course, or you will be the best from his list.

Also, the questions of risk can be somewhat baffling since the range and degree of risk are not necessarily published by the "selling" institution beyond a vague warning such as "The Price of Units can go down as well as up."

If, for instance, you decide to go into commodities (high risk, high potential profit) you may well buy, say, copper for a fixed date in six months, for a 10 per cent deposit, the remainder to be paid at delivery.

Obviously, if copper goes up by 10 per cent in price inside the next six months, you have doubled your money.

On the other hand, if it goes down by 10 per cent, you are "closed-out" and you have lost your cash, despite the fact that it may recover the very next day. It is this question of risk which I propose to examine and expand in my next article.

## Employers 'must prove pay fair to women'

LUXEMBOURG, Oct 18, (Reuters): The European Court of Justice ruled today that employers must prove their pay scales are fair to women if they are accused of discrimination.

The judgement, which places the burden of proof on companies rather than aggrieved employees, applies throughout the 12-nation European Economic Community.

The European court, asked by a Danish labour tribunal to clarify EEC law, said that when women on average earned less than men in comparable jobs and the company's salary system was not clear, it was up to the firm to prove there was no discrimination.

The court also said companies were entitled to pay more for seniority, for better qualifications or for more working flexible hours, even though it recognised that men tended to benefit more from this than

women.

The case before the court concerned two employees of a Danish company who complained that women in a particular salary grade earned on average almost seven per cent less than men in the same grade.

A Danish labour tribunal asked the Luxembourg-based court for guidance on interpreting a 1975 EEC equal pay directive.

The European court's judgement said: "When a firm applies a remuneration system characterised by a total lack of transparency, the employer is responsible for proving that his salary practice is not discriminatory, once the female worker establishes that, compared with a relatively large number of workers, the average remuneration of female workers is lower than that of male workers."

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#### Financial Highlights

	Six Months ended 30/6/89	Year ended 31/12/88
Revenue	594.67	1063.89
Gross Profits	121.15	164.75
Depreciation	7.94	9.89
Profit before tax	79.95	75.29
Profit after tax	68.95	75.29
Provision for tax	11.00	Nil

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## BUSINESS

## Economic reform vital: economist

BERLIN, Oct 18, (UPI): A leading East German economist has joined the growing public call for economic reform, saying his hard-line communist country must "abolish the egalitarianism" but not imitate Western market systems.

Max Schmidt, director of East Germany's Institute of International Politics and Economy, called for wide-ranging changes in East Germany's wage and state subsidy systems at a news conference in the northern city of Magdeburg.

The call for reform came a day after more than 120,000 people were allowed to march freely through the streets of Leipzig in the largest single protest demonstration in the communist country's 40-year history.

Schmidt warned against imitating the Western market systems and said East Germany does not intend to adopt the type of economic reforms introduced by Warsaw Pact allies Poland and Hungary.

But the economist made a veiled call for introduction of wages that reflect workers' performance.

"We have to abolish the egalitarianism," Schmidt said. Schmidt said East Germany spent about \$30 billion a year in consumer price subsidies and no longer can afford to subsidize rents and fuel.

Schmidt's remarks came as the ruling Politburo showed the first signs of bowing to public pressure for sweeping reforms, demanded during mass pro-democracy demonstrations in the past 10 days.

Sources said the Politburo held a closed-door session Tuesday amid growing speculation that East German leader Erich Honecker and other Politburo members soon may be forced to resign.

West German reports have said 13 of 15 regional party secretaries have called for the resignation of Honecker and the entire 21-man Politburo amid fears of nationwide strikes and continued massive demonstrations.

Several officials of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany, the formal name of the ruling Communist Party, have taken up the call for reform since tens of thousands of East Germans took to the streets in pro-democracy demonstrations earlier this month.

## New bank chief

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Oct 18, (AP): The government announced the appointment of a new Central Bank governor today, state-run radio reported.

It said Subhi Farkh al-Azawi was sworn in as governor earlier today to replace Hikmat al-Azawi.

Farkh, a veteran banker in his late 50s, was deputy governor for many years. Al-Azawi served as minister of Trade and Finance before his appointment as Central Bank Governor in 1984.

## Local banks' aggregate balance sheet on the rise

IN August 1989 the Central Bank of Kuwait offered five issues of treasury bills (from issue No. 63 to No. 67), totalling KD759.05 million, matured and thereby bringing the balance of public debt instruments at the end of August 1989 to KD209.5 million, against KD1973.4 million in the previous month, distributed between KD1564.05 million for treasury bills and KD455 million for treasury bonds, according to CBK Monthly Monetary Review.

The high demand for issues of treasury bills was reflected in their oversubscription, which ranged between 130 per cent (for issue No. 64) and 183 per cent (for issue No. 67), an average of

157.9 per cent for all issues. Interest rates acceptable by the Central Bank on issues of treasury bills ranged between 8.005 per cent (on issue No. 63) and 8.324 per cent (on issue No. 67).

Developments reflected in data contained in this Review for August 1989 regarding money market interest rates, the KD exchange rate, the Central Bank balances in KD with local banks and the aggregate balance sheet of local banks can be summarized as follows:

Interest rates on interbank KD deposits increased markedly on all maturities at varied rates, 15.56 per cent (from 7.50 per cent

to 8.66 per cent) on three-month deposits and 16.32 per cent (from 7.48 per cent to 8.70 per cent) on one-year deposits.

The KD exchange rate was relatively stable against major currencies, as its decline did not exceed 0.57 per cent against the US dollar, whose exchange rate ranged between 293.22 fils and 293.39 fils, an average of 297.20 fils.

Against other major currencies, the KD performance was mixed, as it increased slightly against the Swiss franc, the Deutsche mark, the pound sterling and the French franc by 0.57 per cent, 0.53 per cent, 0.38 per cent, 0.13 per cent respectively.

Meanwhile, the KD also declined slightly against the Japanese yen (0.54 per cent) and the Italian lira (0.14 per cent). From developments in the KD exchange rate against major currencies, as shown above, it can be noticed that its performance was more stable than the US dollar against these currencies because the KD exchange rate increased at rate less than those recorded by the US dollar against the same currencies.

These rates were, for example, 1.15 per cent, 1.10 per cent, 0.96 per cent and 0.70 per cent against the Swiss franc, the Deutsche mark, the pound sterling and the French franc respectively.

The Central Bank claims in

KD on local banks increased markedly by KD 63 million. This increase is mainly attributed to an increase in the balance of discount and rediscount operations at the Central Bank by KD71 million and a decrease of KD6 million in Central Bank deposits with local banks, against a decline in local banks' claims on the Central Bank by KD6 million as well.

Thus, the net balance of Central Bank operations with local banks increased to KD230 million, an increase of KD71 million (44.1 per cent) over the previous month.

The aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and

specialised) grew by KD117 million (0.9 per cent) over the previous month, totalling KD13035 million.

This growth in that balance sheet, on the side of assets, was most pronounced in foreign assets of these banks which increased by KD76 million (2.4 per cent).

Meanwhile, local assets increased by KD41 million (0.4 per cent). The increase in local assets came as a result of an increase of KD123 million in local banks' claims on residents (credit facilities and local investments), particularly in their holdings of public debt instruments which increased at commercial

banks alone by KD103 million (11.8 per cent) and a decline of KD82 million in other local assets (cash, balances with the Central Bank and swap operations).

On the side of liabilities, residents' deposits (government and private sector) decreased by KD79 million. Meanwhile, foreign liabilities witnessed also a marked increase of KD75 million. Other liabilities on banks (mostly Central Bank's claims on banks in the form of discounts and deposits) increased by KD111 million (3 per cent). In addition, own funds (shareholders' equity) of local banks grew by KD10 million (0.5 per cent).

## Seminar on oil and petrochemical industries

## UK and Iraq aim to expand energy ties

BAGHDAD, Oct 18, (OPECNA): A three-day seminar on oil, gas and petrochemical industries aimed at boosting co-operation between Iraqi oil institutions and British oil companies ended here Monday.

The seminar was co-sponsored by the Iraqi Ministry of Oil and the British Energy Industries Council. It was attended by British Energy Secretary John Wakeham who brought a delegation representing UK companies, including British Petroleum, British Gas and British Steel.

The seminar discussed technical papers on exploration, production and field development, crude oil, gas and petrochemical technology, as well as pollution and environmental matters.

In his opening speech, Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi provided details of the progress being witnessed in the Iraqi oil sector. He said the holding of such a scientific seminar would enhance bilateral technical co-operation

between Iraq and Britain and could lead to the founding of a joint base for co-operation in the technical and technological aspects of the oil industry.

The minister stated that Iraq possessed a high degree of technical expertise in the field of petrochemicals which put it among some of the advanced countries in this field.

For his part, the British energy secretary paid tribute to Iraq's progress and development, explaining that the seminar would contribute to the enhancement of co-operation between Iraq and the United Kingdom and provide a forum for exchange of views. It would boost bilateral expertise and help find new techniques to deal with oil industry problems.

Wakeham also paid tribute to the development process in Iraq and the country's continuing efforts to improve its economy to achieve prosperity for the Iraqi people.

Earlier, he stated that Iraqi-British oil industry co-operation would witness progress in the

near future, leading to exchange of experts and greater co-operation, seismic surveys and other oil industry activities.

He pointed out that a number of leading British companies would take part in the implementation of major development projects in Iraq, including those in power generation and oil.

Early last month, the Iraqi Oil Exploration Company and British Gas signed an agreement here to conduct a joint study to evaluate oilfield potential in northern Iraq.

The accord allows both companies to conduct an 18-month project to determine the hydrocarbon reserve potential of a 1,200 sq. km area in northern Iraq containing four known oilfields.

The study, to be carried out on a co-operative basis, will evaluate the feasibility of increasing production in these fields.

Meanwhile, driven by a hot market for heating oil in Europe, world crude oil prices rose by as

much as 28 cents a barrel yesterday.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, gas oil — for European delivery finished the trading day at \$183.25 a metric ton, or 58.55 cents a gallon, a gain of 1.04 cents from Monday.

On the European spot markets where oil is sold to the highest bidder, Britain's widely-traded North Sea Brent was quoted at \$19.63 a barrel, a strong gain of 25 cents over Monday.

Gas oil, which has reached record levels in recent sessions, has been rising for a variety of reasons, including fears that summer strikes in Soviet coal fields would curtail the nation's oil exports to Western Europe.

Following the European lead on the New York Mercantile Exchange, heating oil for delivery in November gained 0.63 cent to end the day at 61.05 cents a gallon.

The US market was very strong this morning on the basis of buying of gas oil in London.

## Food subsidies cost Third World \$26b

## Unfair trade policies criticised

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 18, (Agencies): US Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said today that the agricultural policies of the United States, the European Economic Community and Japan was costing the developing world \$26 billion a year in lost income.

In a speech at the United Nations, Yeutter also said a preoccupation with the environment should not be used as an excuse to neglect scientific advances in food production.

"To view all use of agricultural chemicals as harmful, or to view advances in biotechnology with irrational suspicion — as is now being promoted in some quarters — makes no sense at all," he said in an appeal for improved agricultural technology.

Yeutter, who spoke at ceremonies commemorating World Food Day, said industrialised nations have an array of food subsidies and barriers that raise production at home and reduce world commodities prices.

"Now, I ask you all, the developed countries of the world, which would be better? To help the developing countries with \$26 billion in aid or to help

the developing countries with \$26 billion in trade corrections?" he said.

Yeutter charged yesterday that industrialised governments' unfair trade and agricultural policies cost developing countries billions of dollars a year.

Yeutter said these governments should correct what he called "trade distorting policies" so that international commerce can function properly.

"These distortions are provided by governments deliberately, not inadvertently, and it will have to be governments themselves that will make the correction," Yeutter told the UN Social and Economic Council on the occasion of the World Food Day. He said the European Economic Community's agricultural and trade policies inflicted the heaviest blow: \$8 billion annually to the poor countries while the United States and Japan each have had a negative impact of about \$4 billion each on these countries.

He said it would be better to correct these distortions than to give \$26 billion in aid. Yeutter said the United States will present its "final position paper" in next week's Uruguay

round of the GATT negotiations in Geneva, which will be "relevant to the developing countries and the subject of making this kind of correction."

He said GATT negotiations, expected to conclude in 1990, will offer an immediate means to reduce the costs by developing nations.

He urged rich countries to have the political will to get rid of export subsidies because it would be impossible for developing countries to compete with them.

"One thing is clear," Yeutter said. "Agricultural policies that make sense in an isolated market do not necessarily make sense in a global marketplace which prevails today, and it will prevail in the future."

"We can not stand by and let this happen," Yeutter said.

Turning to the cost and availability of energy, which affect food prices, Yeutter said developed countries have been "much more energy efficient" since the oil shortage crisis in the early 1970s while in the more populated developing world energy use has been relatively less, but demand has increased rapidly.

## Gulf ministers discuss unifying customs tariffs

NICOSIA, Oct 18, (Reuters): Ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began talks in Saudi Arabia today on unifying import duties and boosting regional trade.

Qatari Finance and Petroleum Minister Sheikh Abdul-Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani said the Riyadh meeting would discuss ways to "eliminate obstacles (to trade) ... and unify customs duties by GCC states," the Qatari News Agency, received in Nicosia, said.

The GCC is an economic and political alliance grouping the oil-rich states of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

They import nearly all their food and manufactured goods. But with oil reserves of more than 40 per cent of the world's total of about 950 billion barrels, they have increasingly set up oil and gas-based export industries aimed at markets in Western Europe, Japan and the United States.

Economists say about 41 per cent of imports worth nearly \$45 billion enter GCC states with little or no duty while only nine per cent attract the maximum 20 per cent rate.

## Every child born owes \$6,250

## Greek debt woes mounting

ATHENS, Oct 18, (Reuters): Time is running out for Greece to solve major economic problems, especially a rising mountain of public debt, according to conservative party leader Constantine Mitsotakis, who is making a fresh bid to be elected prime minister.

His New Democracy Party is favoured to win elections in November by a wide margin. It is less certain to secure an absolute majority in the 300-seat parliament — a position it has not enjoyed since 1981.

Mitsotakis must have an absolute majority to administer his planned free-market medicine to an economy being dragged down by debt after eight years of socialist spending.

Referring to the public debt, he said: "Consider a state which borrows 2.5 to three trillion drachmas (\$1.5 to 18.7 billion), which goes largely to consumer spending, and you see we don't have much room for manoeuvre."

"Public debt burdens every citizen with one million drachmas (\$6,250). Every child born owes one million drachmas. This is the example I give to Greek voters to make them understand."

Officials estimate the public sector borrowing requirement for 1989 will reach 20 to 22 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) and the public's total outstanding debt will exceed 100 per cent of GDP.

Mitsotakis, 71, advocates sweeping reforms to cut the debt built up by the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK), which ruled from 1981 until elections in June.

No party won an absolute majority and after a three-month coalition joining new democracy and a communist-led alliance, elections were set for November 5. Polls show new democracy, now with 145 seats, still just short of an absolute majority.

The coalition teamed up solely to order former socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and five of his ministers to stand trial for corruption. The trial is due after the election.

Papandreu, 70, rejects the charges and is trying for a comeback, accusing Mitsotakis of wanting to dismantle extensive socialist welfare programmes covering health services, minimum wage, pensions and rural development.

"I told Mr Papandreu in parliament ... when you have a social policy without having the money, you're no longer a politician but you're a political swindler," Mitsotakis said.

The new democracy medicine to cure the debt starts with selling state industries, cutting the number of people in the public sector and linking wages to productivity.

"In our first budget we will cut at least 300 to 400 billion drachmas (\$1.8 to 2.5 billion) of unnecessary state spending," Mitsotakis said.

The budget must be presented in November.

## Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 18					
Pr. Close	Open	Close			
ACC	272	278	280		
Alcan Chem					
Alfa Nis					
Art Fab					
Ashtok Ley	80.50	80	82		
Asia Paint	201.25	201.25	210		
Atlas Cop	43.50	43	44		
Auto Corp	72	72	73		
Nat Indes	377.72	377.72	369.50		
Beij/Auto	306.25	310	320		
Bar Rayon	665	675	705		
Blow Plast					
Bom Dye	123.50	127	127		
BK Bond	91	90	91		
Burr Wel	95	90	95		
Canabare					
Cen Enka	2850	2875	2900		
Cen Spg	2180	2190	2220		
Colgate	180	185	187.50		
Cromi Gr					
DCM	13	12	12		
Deep Fert	28	28.75	29		
Dunlop	71	70	71		
El Hotels	61	60	61		
Escorts	74	75	76		
BSE Index	715.80	699.03			
Eskayef	107.50	108.75	111.25		
Essar Spg	22	21.75	21.50		
Food Spl	106.25	105	105		
Forbes	48.75	48	49		
Gay Poly	63	63	64		
Glindia	94	93.50	94.50		
GNFC	28.50	29	29.50		
Grainm	95	97.50	98		
GE Spg	40.35	41	41.25		
GSFC	165.50	165	175		
Guj Alki	73	72	73.50		
Guj Heavy	11.50	10	11.25		
Hero Honda	19	19	19		
Hind Ciba	935	950	960		
Hind Lever	101	100	100		
Hind Cocoa	126.25	125	125		
Hind Motor	22.50	23	23.75		
Hindalco	233.75	235	237.50		
Hoechst	1140	1150	1170		
Ingersoll	395	375	380		
ITC	63.50	64	64		
Ind Org	47.75	51	50.50		
Ind Rayon	80	81.50	81.50		
Indrol	235	238.75	238.75		

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## Tokyo share prices

Nikkei stock average: 35107.56					
( +111.48 )					
Volume: 880 mil shs					
Yes exchange rate: 142.10					
Name of stock	Cl	Ch			
Advantest Corp	3030	+80			
Aijimoto	2840	+70			
Alps Electric	1780	-10			
Amada	2040	0			
Asahi Chem Ind	1210	+20			
Asahi Glass	2240	+10			
C. Itoh Co.	955	+8			
Canon Inc.	1860	0			
Casio Comp	1480	+30			
D N Printing	2330	+20			
Daiichi Seiyaku	3090	+30			
Dainippon Pa	2900	-60			
Daishinku Corp	1720	+10			
Eisai	2300	+100			
Fanuc Ltd.	7350	-100			
Fuji Photo	4920	-20			
Fujitsu Ltd.	1510	-20			
Hiroshi Credit	1870	0			
Hitachi Koki	2040	-60			
Hitachi Ltd.	1490	0			
Hitachi Metal	1620	+30			
Honda Motor	1870	+10			
Ito-Yokado	4500	-40			
Kajima Corp	2040	0			
Kawasaki H I	972	-8			
Kobe Cast Iron	1060	+80			
Kokusai Elec.	3540	-80			
Komatsu Ltd.	5320	-40			
Kyocera Corp	3350	-20			
Martini	3130	-20			
Mat Comm. Ind	2330	-50			
Mat Electric	1030	+10			
Matsuda M.C.					
Mitsubishi Corp	1460	+20			
Mitsubishi Estate	2370	+10			
Mitsubishi H I	1080	0			
Mitsui R E	2790	+30			
Mizuno Corp	1820	+10			
Mochida Ph	4020	+160			
Mori Seiki Co.	4230	-170			
NEC Corp	1770	-30			
Nippon Shin Co	1490	+20			
Nippon Steel Corp	1720	+120			
Nippon Soda	735	-20			
Nitanko Corp	1440	0			
Nomura Sec	3120	+20			
Okuma Mach	1700	-20			
Onward K Co.	2300	+10			
Orix Corp	6420	+130			
Pioneer Elec Co.	5380	-150			
Renovon Look	2590	-60			
Sanyo Elec Co.	865	-12			
Secom Co., Ltd.	8550	+60			
Shin-Etsu Chem	1710	+10			
Shindengen Elec	1400	+50			
Sony Corp	8700	-30			
Sunimoto Elec	1540	0			
Sunimoto Metal	688	+17			
Takeda Chemical	2310	-20			
TDK Corp	5810	-190			
Toshiba Corp	3330	+10			
Tokyo Elec.	5710	-140			
Tokyo Electron	3370	-40			
Toray Printing	2170	+60			
Tospan Ind Inc.	970	0			
Toshiba Inc.	1150	10			
Toyota Motor	2650	-10			
Yaskawa Elec	1250	-20			
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Laxmi-Pyare cross 25

# Two heads are better than one

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE tradition of two musical heads better than one has come down from the time of Husna-Bhagatram and Shankar-Jaikishan. Music duos provide more catchy and stable tunes than single composers. They also divide the work well. If one "head" looks after creating, the second "head" manages the arranging, orchestra and business sides.

Brothers Kalyanji - Anandji proved another such versatile pair. And after working as their assistants, Laxmikant and Pyarelal emerged as the longest lasting film composers. They gave the best of tunes and the worst of them too, but they remained floating. Recently they crossed the silver jubilee of their career. It was in 1963 that they had arrived with the hit duet "Hansta hua noorani chehra" in a banal fantasy called "Parasmani".

Even while playing instruments in the group, Laxmi-Pyare were pushy. They would barge into offices of producers, touch their feet and ask them to hear tunes. That's how Babub-

hay Mistry was impressed. Soon followed another hack mythological "Harishchandra Taramati" and then Barjatya's hit "Dosti." Their music was highly appreciated and people kept humming it. They began to dig in their feet. They were called by big banners. Films from Madras like "Pyaar Kiye Jaa" and the Bombay producer J. Om Prakash's "Aaye Din Bahar Ke" put them on the road to fame.

"Milan," "Farz" and "Shagird" were the highlights of their early career. "Sawan ka mahina pawan kare shor" has become an all-time favourite, still in demand at stage shows in India and other countries. For the Bond type thriller "Farz," they gave scintillating tunes and modern effects in the background score to match the new wonders of camera and fast editing. Their biggest asset was the support of Lata Mangeshkar. They began to corner most of the big films and a near monopoly was created by booking of recording rooms, every day of the month, with last-minute cancellations. They also started the trend of getting manipulated

awards.

But producers liked L.P.'s set-up and work. Their name became synonymous with L-P records. Famous banners kept repeating them and they too were loyal. For Prasad Productions they composed for all films, till the jubilee hit "Ek Duje Ke Liye" and its romantic numbers. Same was the case with Raj Khosla, resulting in super-hits like "Do Raaste" with Bindia Chamkeli. There were also "Khilona," "Humjoli," "Mera Gaon Mera Daulat" and then the evergreen "Haathi Mere Saathi" with its "Chal chal mere haathi".

L-P had caught the essentially Indian nerve of folk source as well as common folks. They tuned especially well with lyrics like Anand Basi. They also experimented, like songs about games, songs of three generations, loving couples singing in smallest of spots like a car or lift, songs with veiled sex motive, e.g. "Chal yaar dhakka maar," songs for children and on dreams of family life. For Manoj Kumar, they brought out patriotic pieces and common man's woes. Of course they also gave several



Laxmikant and Pyarelal with lyricist Anand Bakshi.

flops, like Amitabh's early turnip "Ek Nazar".

In fact, flops scared them into playing the trade games. It was a case of everything is fair for survival. And survive they did for a quarter century and are still growing strong with "Tezaab" and "Ram Lakhan." They again

have the maximum number of important films. Luck has also favoured them. Jaikishan died, breaking the S J team and their gurus Kalyanji Anandji gave only selective music. L-P gate crashed into the coveted R K camp and developed vibes with the music-minded showman.

The result was "Bobby," where the songs had the freshness of a new generation and the smell of coastal fisherfolk. For Yash Chopra they did "Dag" They were flooded with offers. In 1974, they had 25 releases, a private silver jubilee of their own. But only some songs and films proved really outstanding as "Sachcha Jhutha" ("Meri Pyari Baheniyaa"), "Nagin" (of Kohli), three hits with Mammoohan Dassi

"Dharam Veer," "Amar Akbar Anthony" and "Parvarish." "Sargam" ("Dafli vale"), "Kargz," "Asha," "Hero," "Andha Kanoon," "Pyaar Jhukta Nahin," "Karma," "Nagina" (the snake film) and "Mr. India." Laxmikant's daughter Rajeshwari also became a singer.

Many other music duos were formed to follow the success but none on that level. In recent times, we have Anand-Milind, Nadeem-Shravan, Ram-Laxman, Mohinder-Jatin. Only the first pair has made a sensation with "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak." The rest are still trying. But will they last for two and a half decades like L-P? Only the decades have the answer.

## Star interview

### Poonam Dhillon

Q. Why do you want to carry on acting? Isn't your happy married life enough?

A. Of course I am very happily married, and my husband Ashok (Thakuria) is extremely good and understanding. He would not like to leave me alone anywhere, but I am quite keen on pursuing my career.

Q. Are you signing many new films?

A. Not as many as some young heroines. I try to read the script and follow the character, make sure there is nothing vulgar and there are no sexy dresses to be worn. Only after that, I take up the film and do my best.

Q. What about the old pending ones? And what if they go against your new roles?

A. The old commitments have to be finished in any case and at any cost. But one can surely be careful about the new offers and how a married

actress should appear on the screen. There is no point in doing just anything for the money. Even in my career I observed this rule. Luckily there is nothing very objectionable in my pending films. Even in "Abhimanyu," supposed to be a sex comedy, my role was much more decent than Kimi's.

Q. What about "Mohabbat Ki Aag"?

A. Same thing. It has also got Shatrughan Sinha, Govinda and Kimi. It is almost complete. In "Deshwasi" I play a village character. "Jaane-Mehboob" is a romantic film with a Muslim background.

Q. Your husband is producing two films but you are nowhere in them?

A. Yes, "Beta" has the Anil - Madhuri pair which is popular. The other has Aamir and Madhuri. A producer has to see the business side along with other factors, like a role suited to the artiste.



Poonam Dhillon

## Behind the screen

While other heroines are slimming and dieting to keep themselves on the screen despite marriage, like Anita Raj and Poonam Dhillon, the one who is going the Kapoor family way is Keena Roy. She is so firm on keeping away from films, that she has put on a lot of weight and become a baby elephant from the charming and talented actress that she was one. Is she afraid that Miyaa Mohsin may talk her into making a come-back for his sake?

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Mahesh Bhatt has exhausted his one-lifetimes. So now he is bent on bringing out other people's skeletons from

the well-preserved cupboards. He has talked Talat Aziz into featuring his own story about a previous unhappy marriage and a new pleasant one. And he has also tempted the singer to play his own role, with Sujata as the first wife and Sangeta as the second. The film will be called "Maqam" (goal).

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The "Ohye Ohye" song which became popular and also a public nuisance has quickly got its follow-ups. Now composers are busy dishing out various other twists, like "Iye Iye," "Oya Oya," "Oui Oui," "Ehya Ehya" and more. Bappi Lahiri is of course leading the copying.

## Meet a Neighbour

### Bahrain's best known Lebanese

THE Lebanese are well-known and respected throughout the world for their entrepreneurial skills and ambition to succeed at whatever they do. Today, Lebanon, this beautiful country once called the 'Paris of the Middle East,' continues to produce bright and talented young men and women to the envy of the world at large. While Beirut burns endlessly in a cruel and tragic imbroglio of violence, drowning in cesspool of years of civil war, her sons abroad have continued to achieve great things in the world of commerce.

The Lebanese success story is a phenomenon that has touched practically every corner of the globe. The Gulf is no exception where fortunes were and are being made by young and enterprising Lebanese expatriates.

In Bahrain probably the best known Lebanese is Akram Miknas. In true Lebanese tradition his meteoric rise and achievement are remarkable. Like many of his generation, Miknas left his beloved Beirut during that fateful year of 1975 to pursue his dreams elsewhere.

Even before the war, this young man showed considerable promise and drive. Of greater things to come in his home town Beirut, where he was born and raised. After his education first at International College, American University of Beirut and later in America, Miknas returned home and took up a challenge in a field practically unknown and untouched by most of his generation at that time.

In 1967, Miknas joined the media world by setting up an advertising agency with six other local partners. It was a bold move at the time for a young man fresh out of university with no knowledge and experience of his chosen field.

"Advertising was a new thing in Lebanon in those days. Parents would not encourage their children to join this field, as it was not considered a secure way of making money. Even my own father was initially against the idea," said Miknas. Miknas' decision to try his luck in advertising was a result of his post-graduation days as a trainee in an advertising agency in Michigan, USA.

Undeterred when his six partners decided to opt out of the new business, Miknas took over the reins of the company, renamed it Fortune Promoseven, and turned it into the seventh largest advertising agency in Lebanon

by 1972.

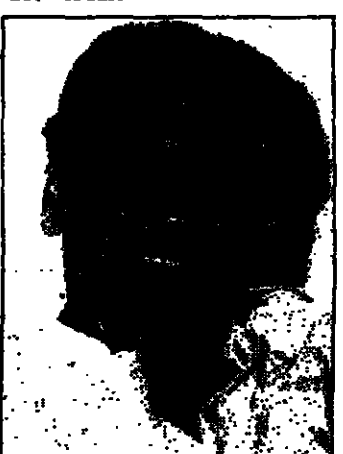
Picking up from where he left off in Beirut, the young executive continued his business in a small flat in Dubai for a while and then moved his operation to Bahrain in 1978 and the rest as they say is history. Under Miknas, a matter of few years, Fortune Promoseven became one of the leading advertising agencies in the region. Today the network boasts seven offices in the Gulf, with headquarters in Bahrain, and one in London.

Just like his successful company, the man himself is always on the move — 'upwards' as he likes to say. A very youthful looking 44, Miknas strikes out immediately as a likeable soul. Just like his profession 'communication' with him is a pleasant and enriching experience. He converses with the enthusiasm and spirit of a college boy and makes you feel like an old friend. His natural charm and wit along with that perpetual boyish laughter befitting position as the head of a large organisation, but wins you over. For a man who has accomplished so much in a short time, often against heavy odds, Miknas appears surprisingly modest about himself.

"I hate to describe myself. I dare not look at myself in the mirror," he said. Asked to describe himself he commented: "I am an emotional and moody person. I would like to think of myself as a positive person."

The president and chief executive of Fortune Promoseven is a rare business tycoon, who while engaged in the world of wheeling and dealing, has time for others.

"I am easily touched by other peoples actions and reactions. It is difficult not to be affected by what your fellow human beings do," he said.



Akram-Miknas

# The last stragglers are still arriving Triple sensation

By Brian Hollis

AFTER the big rush of Paramount titles last week, the last stragglers are still arriving. Among them is The Naked Gun, which topped the box office in both America and Europe earlier this year. The film combines the talents of the 'Airplane,' 'Police Academy' and 'Police Squad' teams, and must rate as one of the funniest movies for several years. Readers may have missed the 'Police Squad' TV series, as this was also a Paramount offering, and therefore banned in Kuwait.

Starring Leslie Nielsen as the incompetent leader of the squad, this was one of the most hilarious of all comedies, and The Naked Gun continues where Police Squad left off. Nielsen once again stars as the poked faced detective who reels off one-liners like "I think we can save your husband's arm; where do you want it sent?" With his partner George Kennedy, they take on the smooth villain played by Ricardo Montalban, whilst the female interest is provided by Priscilla Presley. The plot is totally surreal and simply serves as a peg on which to hang some of the wittiest dialogue since — well, 'Airplane.' The screenplay contains enough gags to fill seven or eight conventional comedies, and David Zucker's rat-a-rat directing keeps them coming in quick fire.

'Young Sherlock Holmes' is a Paramount release which includes Stephen Spielberg among its executive producers. Unconnected to the Conan Doyle stories, it tells of how schoolboy Holmes meets fellow pupil Watson and together they solve the mystery of several apparent suicides. The film is aimed squarely at teenagers, but unfortunately it doesn't work either as a comedy, mystery or anything else. In the end it becomes so gimmicky (Spielberg's influence no doubt) that elements of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark' 'Gremlins' and who knows what are thrown in to try to hold the interest — without success!

The Americans produce a regular flood of movies about their two favourite sports — American Football and Baseball — which are often of limited interest to other nationalities brought up on football and cricket. Well-made films however tend to succeed in spite of their subject and after 'Bull Durham' and 'Field of Dreams,' 'Major League' starring Tom Berenger and Charlie Sheen is one of the best. It's a gentle comedy with a human touch, which manages to pull back from the game itself to help us understand the personalities behind the sport. In this case, the woman owner of the team wants her over the hill athletes to do their worst so she can move the franchise to the sun belt.

Denzel Washington seems to be one of the most sought after black actors at present with his latest 'The Mighty Quinn,' following hard on the heels of his last success, 'For Queen and Country.' 'The Mighty Quinn' is set in the Bahamas where Xavier Quinn is the straight-laced chief of police on a remote island. When a white resident is murdered, he finds himself in a very unpopular position, as the prime suspect is a charming if fairly corrupt old schoolfriend. Of course the entire community sides with the elusive Maubee, leaving Quinn totally alone, hoping however that his friend is innocent. The story is complicated by the arrival of a pseudo-CIA operative involved with the theft of recalled dollar bills.

The film has some of the touches of the classic murder mystery, and also the off-beat hipness and intriguing locales. But somehow the components don't quite jell.

This week's best seller is a British series written by the creator of Upstairs Downstairs. 'Chelworth,' however finds the aristocracy very much in decline. When wealthy businessman Michael Anstey (Peter Jeffrey) inherits a title and stately home, his first instinct is to sell up and take the money. But a visit to the house soon changes his mind, and he becomes obsessed with restoring Chelworth, run-



Leslie Nielsen (left) and Priscilla Presley in The Naked Gun

ing the estate as a business and most important, reuniting his family under one roof. The clash between the old and the new money runs through the plot — the old represented by Anstey's wife Virginia, and the new by their wheelchair-dealer neighbour Ewan Chivers.

If you're fed up with movies, the

comedy series 'Allo Allo' and 'Bread' are into a new season, or you can savour Europe retaining their title in the recent Ryder Cup golf.

The above movies are by courtesy of VFI, Farwanji/Fintas; Video Nand, Salmiya Complex; Video Club, Salmiya — tel: 5724372.

By John Gilbert

THIS three-in-one music video features hit videos from three of the best known female stars in pop, namely Debbie Gibson, Kim Wilde and Cyndi Lauper. Although all three of these superstars have similar musical styles (basically, they all sing the same sort of infectious pop dance numbers along with hit occasional ballad), the similarity between the three starts and ends there.

Debbie Gibson is the extraordinary new singer who has literally exploded into the pop music scene challenging the likes of Madonna, Whitney Houston or Gloria Estefan for the title of pop's music queen. Extraordinary, because Miss Deborah Gibson is still only in her teens and yet has already released two top selling albums with a string of successful singles, writing all the songs herself. She is the complete musician, song writer, vocalist and pianist.

The Debbie Gibson "out of the blue" videos combine the youth and exuberance of the singer with high-tech production techniques and special effects that result in some highly polished and exciting videos that further enhance the quality of her songs.

Kim Wilde has been on the music scene for almost a decade now. Bursting onto the pop charts in 1981 when she was only 20 with her No 2 hit "Kids in America," Kim released a succession of hit singles written and produced by her brother Rick. But, the mid eighties saw a brief slump in her career with singles like "Love Blonde" and "Water on Glass" becoming major flops. She made her comeback with her excellent version of the old Supreme's classic "You Keep Me Hangin' On" in 1987 and followed it up with "Another Step" a duet with soul jazz artist, Junior. Last year, her new album "Close" was released and it spawned four successful singles including "You Came" and "Hey Mr Heartache" firmly re-establishing Kim Wilde as the top female British pop artist. The production work was handled by her as well.

Close's videos contain all the four singles from the album plus two extra tracks from "Another Step".

Cyndi Lauper is the final featured artist on this music video. Dubbed "The Orange Lady of Pop" because of her weird multi-coloured hairstyles and eccentric stage sense, Cyndi has never been a huge fan following and is Grammy Award winner for her 1984 album "It's Unusual".

The Cyndi Lauper videos have four of her best songs including "Time After Time" and "I Drove All Night".

Music videos available at the Video Club, Salmiya. Tel: 5724372.

# Buildings are forever but the lucky house is falling down, you know

By Kathy Cusidly special to the Arab Times

IF it comes to a choice between paper investments and real estate, many people choose the latter. There is something solid and assuring about property — figuratively as well as literally. Stocks and bonds may be fashionable, but buildings are forever. That's more or less the advice that was given to me a long time ago.

Put yer money in bricks and mortar. It's something you can reach out and touch. When the rest of the world is coming apart at the seams, you'll still have bricks and mortar.

The mediocre performance of our share portfolio made me think that perhaps what the old

man said made sense.

I went to Ireland, looking for bricks and mortar that had a bit of character. In no time at all, I found "it", the perfect house. The stately Victorian home stood facing a garden square, one of the few residential squares in Dublin. The place had seen better days, but under my determined hand, its renaissance would be far off. This would be a project I get my teeth into.

I soon learned that even the most basic renovations were extensive. At times I wondered if I hadn't bitten off more than I could chew. Restoring glory was definitely labour-intensive — and cash intensive.

To complicate matters, I was a more novice at this game. Worse,

I was a novice with integrity who had entered the big league territory of the pros. Every body had an angle on how to make money and disappear before the flaws in their workmanship appeared. Everybody, that is, except the chap who professed to be an expert in central heating installation. His work was exceptionally disastrous. Fortunately, the system snapped, cracked and popped before he received his final payment. The people connecting the gas lines weren't any great shakes at efficiency, either. They nearly blew my precious bricks and mortar to kingdom come.

Somewhat, despite my initial naivete, everything that I set out to do got done — in record time, for Ireland. The house gleamed

and looked 20 years younger. The strain of performing miracles left the owner of the house looking and feeling 20 years older.

The completion of phase one of the refurbishments and the exhaustion of my budget almost managed to coincide with each other. I'm not sure which ran out first, my energy or my bank manager's patience. The effort was seemingly worth it, though because the tenants loved living in the house. It was three years before they moved out and I was able to start phase two. This time I wanted to concentrate on aesthetic improvements rather than basic necessities.

The first area of the scrutiny was the garden. I didn't just want

the place landscaped, I wanted to create a restful retreat. This time I lucked onto a genius jack-of-all-trades who successfully worked within my low budget and up to my high standards. Once he had achieved an outdoor masterpiece, he moved indoors.

"Out the upstairs bathroom," I ordered expansively. "Remove that existing nightmare and replace it with discreet elegance."

Everything seemed to be progressing well until I got a phone call from Jack.

"The wall's down, missus," "Goodman," I replied, vaguely wondering why he was suddenly bothering to report on such details.

"You don't understand, missus. I want to take off the old tiles

and the whole wall fell down."

Is the place salvageable, or do you have more bad news for me, I said, feeling a queasiness in the pit of my stomach.

"No missus, I can make it like new."

"Go ahead, Jack, and do what you have to do," I wondered if my bank manager would be so understanding.

The next phone call from Jack was almost as disheartening as the first.

"The ceiling's down, missus," "Good grief, there weren't any tiles on the ceiling... were there?" "No, but the leak in the roof weakened the ceiling."

"Let me make an educated guess. Not only will the ceiling have to be replaced, but were

probably talking about a new roof as well."

"I don't think there is any doubt about it, if you want to do the job right."

By this stage, paper investments were definitely starting to look attractive. As for the old gent's words about "when the rest of the world comes apart at the seams you'll still have bricks and mortar," from my vantage point the world looked in great shape, but my portions of the bricks and mortar industry didn't look too secure.

Just when all my problems looked like they were finished, the antiquated electrical wiring gave up the ghost.

"It's amazing you haven't had a fire in this place," the elec-

trician announced. That's great news.

When the electrician had finished his major rewiring project he gave the house a fond look and said, "This is a lucky house, you know."

"What on earth would make you say that?" I asked, thinking it was the workmen who were lucky to have the dud like this to keep them employed.

"I used to live in this neighbourhood and every one called it the lucky house."

I should have asked him if it was lucky for tenants or owners. All I know is that the new tenants are delighted to be living there. Hopefully they'll stay for the few years. It will be at least that long before I can afford any further dealings with the lucky house.



## Happy birthday



Rinet D'Souza celebrates her 6th birthday on October 22. Happy birthday from parents, Janet and friends.  
Rinet goes to the Indian School, Abbasiya and likes stories and cartoons.



Deepthi Fernandes celebrates her 8th birthday on October 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Deepthi goes to the Carmel School and likes drawing, painting and dancing.



Sunitha Rane celebrates her 4th birthday today, October 19. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Sunitha goes to Nursery School and likes jumping, painting and cartoons.



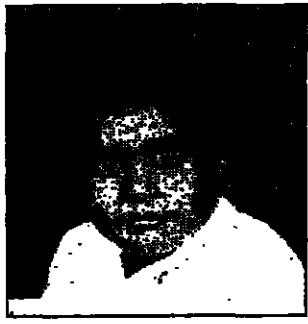
Roopal Chaudhary celebrates her 5th birthday today, October 19. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Roopal goes to the Indian School and likes dancing.



Wasi celebrates his 3rd birthday on October 21. Happy birthday from parents, uncles, aunt and brother Fazal.  
Wasi likes watching cartoons.



Hari Shankar celebrates his 10th birthday on October 20. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Hari goes to the Indian School, Mangal and likes painting.



Jimmy Cota celebrates his 4th birthday on October 21. Happy birthday from mama, papa, brother Jaeson and friends.



Fazal celebrates his 9th birthday on October 22. Happy birthday from parents, uncles, aunt and brother Wasi.  
Fazal goes to the Indian School and likes book reading and cycling.



Suhail Ahmed celebrated his 6th birthday on October 17. Belated greetings from parents, family, friends, and uncle Zia.  
Suhail likes drawing and writing.



Mohammed Asif celebrated his birthday on October 10. Belated greetings from parents, family, and friends.



Hyder Busheri celebrates his 5th birthday on October 20. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.  
Hyder goes to the Indian school and likes dancing, drawing and Karate.



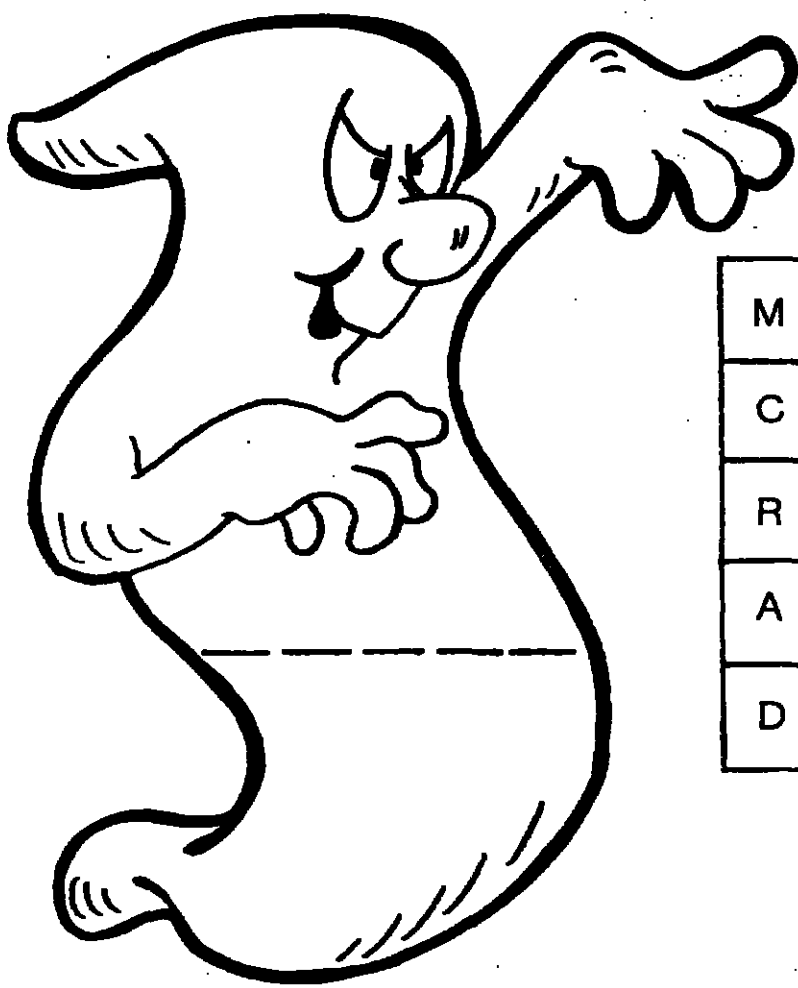
Veena Peni Varghese celebrated her 5th birthday on October 17. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.  
Veena goes to the United Indian School and likes drawing.

## A Spooky Message

## Directions:

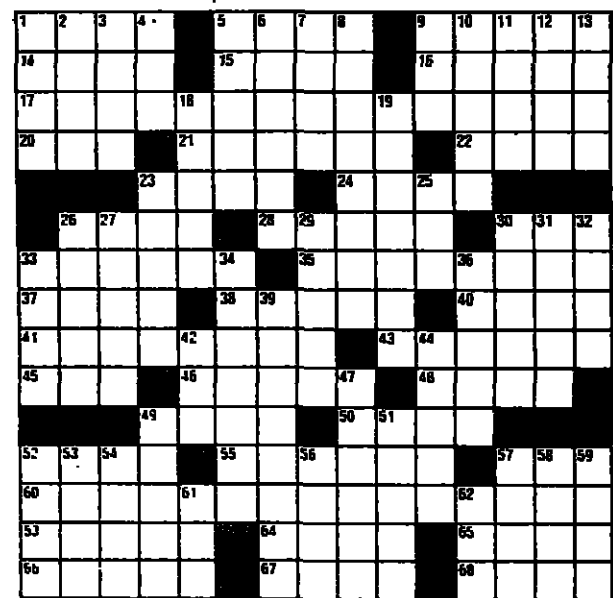
Darken all the squares that contain a consonant. When you have correctly darkened all the squares with consonants you will have formed five large letters. Write the letters on the blanks in the ghost.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Facts and figures
  - 5 Seasoning
  - 9 Form
  - 14 Part of OED
  - 15 Row
  - 16 Landed estate
  - 17 Octavian
  - 20 Cereal grass
  - 21 dwell
  - 22 Become weary
  - 23 Laurel
  - 24 Way in or out
  - 26 Fall up
  - 28 Greta
  - 30 "Sulphides"
  - 33 Exile
  - 35 Sunday dinner treat
  - 37 Indigo plant
  - 38 Make happy
  - 40 boy
  - 41 One who gives back
  - 43 Tore
  - 45 Before, poetically
  - 46 Flower part
  - 48 "Iolanthe" player
  - 49 Annoying one
  - 50 Slender linalis
  - 52 Merchandise
  - 55 Nonstick coating
  - 57 Roll of bulls
  - 60 Roman army elite
  - 63 Rose essence
  - 64 Bird of prey
  - 65 Jumping insect
  - 66 Slender
  - 67 Cincinnati players
  - 68 Swell
- DOWN**
- 1 Cervine animal
  - 2 Troops

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

RIAL GAMMA MOPE  
ANKA IDEAL AMES  
PRIMABALLERINAS  
TENEMENT UTILE  
GABOR PRUNELLA  
ABOU AFFIELD IAN  
FOOTBALLPLAYERS  
FIN ORALES AGUE  
ELEANORS WHEEL  
DINE RIO  
ALBEE OUTRANGE  
BALLROOMDANCING  
ERIE AREEL ALAE  
TAPS FERRY DERR

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WINNING DEFENSE 66 YEARS AGO

Neither vulnerable. South deals.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 9  
♥ 10 9 8 5  
♦ A K Q 7  
♣ A K J 8

**WEST**  
♠ K Q 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♥ 7  
♦ 10 5  
♣ Q

**EAST**  
♠ J  
♥ 6 4 3 2  
♦ J 6 4 3  
♣ 10 9 7 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10  
♥ A K Q J  
♦ 9 8 2  
♣ 6 5 4 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ 4 ♠ 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass  
7 ♥ Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♠

How good were the bridge players of several generations ago? This hand is from Milton Work's *Auction Bridge of 1924*. What surprises us is the note that it was played on a commuter train in 1923!

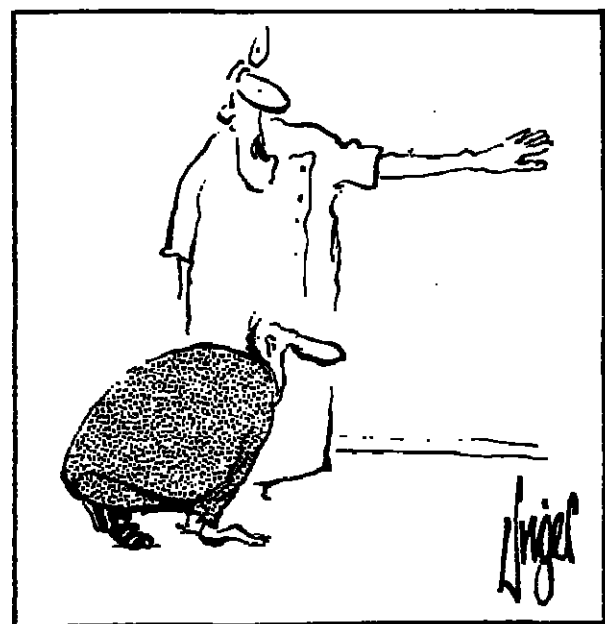
The game was auction bridge, so the bidding shown is as it might go today. When North shows interest

in a grand slam by confirming possession of all aces and asking for kings, South diagnoses correctly that his solid hearts make shooting for 13 tricks a worthwhile effort.

We venture to claim that most declarers would have little difficulty fulfilling the grand slam. Declarer wins the first trick and ruffs a spade high. On this trick, East must find a discard. If the defender sluffs a diamond, the long card in dummy sets up. Similarly, a club pitch allows declarer to take four tricks in that suit.

The winning defense is for East to discard—a trump! Now declarer cannot avoid losing a minor-suit trick. If South cashes all four trumps, dummy is squeezed before East. East simply discards whichever suit declarer lets go from dummy. If declarer discards a club from the table on the fourth heart, the long club in his hand is established, but there is no entry to the closed hand to cash the trick.

If they could defend that well in a commuter game, we would have dreaded crossing swords with those players at rubber bridge. It might have proved to be an expensive pastime.



"Stand back, everybody. He thinks he's a frog."

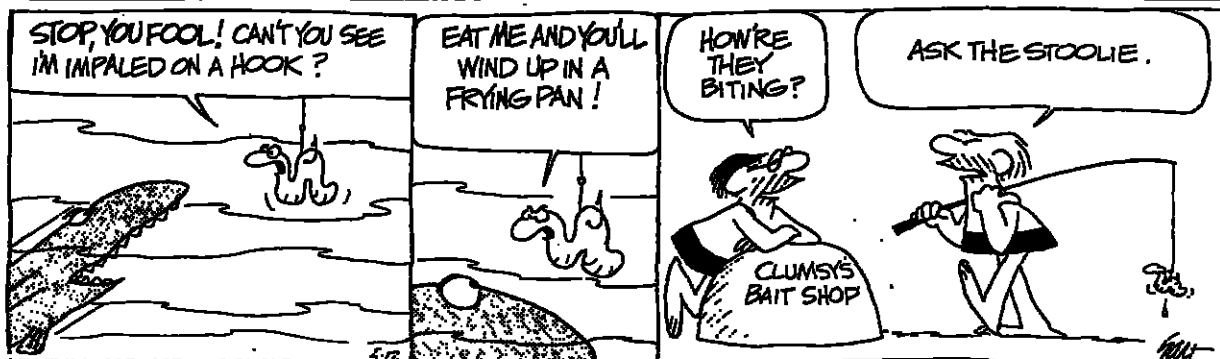
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Attend to essentials, do not get bogged down in details. And do not allow yourself to be distracted or dissuaded. Do not be too eager to criticize others. Be cordial.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something you had thought possible will turn out not to be. You should not think you are the only one with any good ideas. Try to look on the bright side. Be more tidy.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will not be able to do things as rapidly as you have hoped. Do not say anything that you do not really mean. And do not assume that others always mean all they say. Be respectful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will not have time to pursue all your interests so use your time to the best effect. Make sure you obey legal limits even if you think you can break them without being apprehended. Do not allow yourself to become set in your habits. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not think that others will always do what you would like them to. You are able to draw the wrong conclusions and should try hard to avoid doing so. Make sure get sufficient rest. Be generous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Now is the time to do something you do not much like doing but that will have to be done. You will be able to do something a little more constructive. Make sure you do nothing to upset the harmony with your partner. Be sincere.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will realize how lucky you have been because something that could not happen. You will be better able to take the initiative. Do not hesitate to speak your mind but try to ensure you do not give offence in the process. Be reliable.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to do something to further a private matter. Make sure you do not leave others in doubt about your intentions. Avoid trying to be devious and do not be evasive either. Be less argumentative.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Something you have tried hard to achieve will now come about. You will be able to do something much to your liking. You should make sure you do not try to run before you can walk. Be truthful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The prospects are good but you must take care not to do anything rash or haphazard. You should be on the lookout for someone who is trying to deceive you. Take care you do not drink more than is good for you. Be more attentive.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will tend to take a little too much for granted. Something you have been working very hard to learn will now click into place. Do not concern yourself too much with a secondary matter. Be magnanimous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be better able to maintain harmony with your partner. You will have to concentrate a little harder if you want to learn. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 25. Try to see the funny side of things too. Be tactful.



## Word search

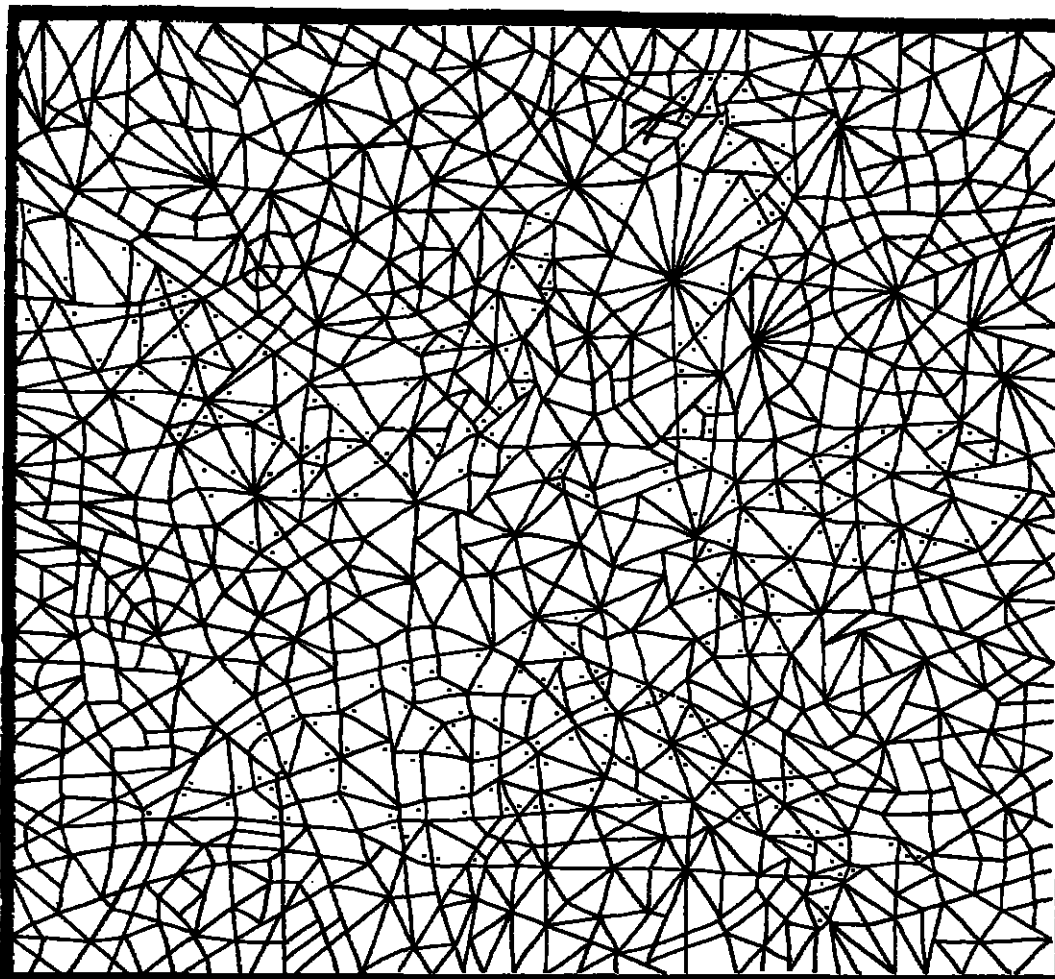
We've got your number in this puzzle. Follow our advice from the previous word search and circle your way through the grid. Keep at it; it's really fun!

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## I GOT YOUR NUMBER

Shade the dotted areas to find three hidden creatures. Can you name them?



## Just for laughs!

Did you hear about the woman who made herself a pair of trousers out of £50 notes? She ended up sitting on a fortune.

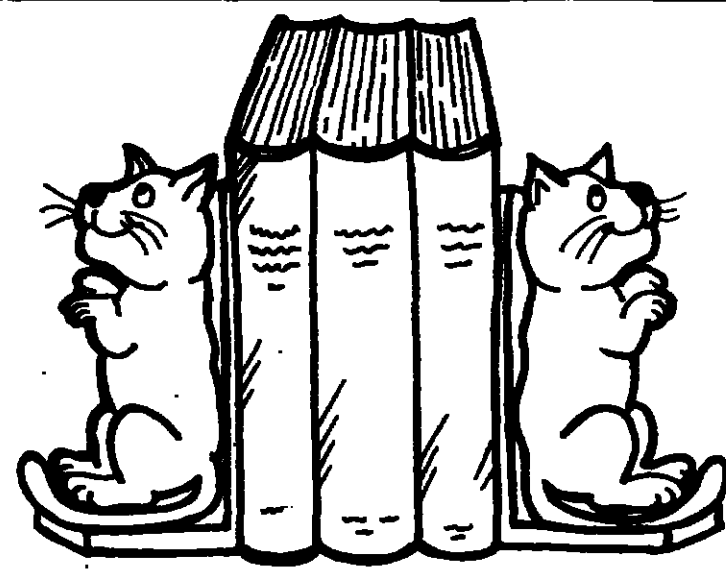
Did you hear about this blackbird who joined a pop group? They said, 'He's raven again.'

Did you hear about the chicken who got married? She went to a hen party.

Put an x on the middle book

Colour the cats orange

Colour the books brown



## The Missing Diamond

By Julie Hodgson

THE diamond robber had got away with the famous 'hope diamond' from Rabat. He had taken it, and no one had found out he took it, until the museum was open the next day. The police inspector, found no clues to how he took it, there were no foot alarms set off, he just could not understand it, all they did find was a small bit of rope. The inspector was most puzzled.

He set about searching the museum, on the outside, he went up to the roof, he looked around the edge, but found nothing. He was about to give up when he found a small envelope, no writing on it as such, but a set of numbers?

Meanwhile the robber had booked a plane to Rio, so he could smuggle the diamond in, then try to sell it to the 'dealer' as planned.

The robber went into his pocket to find the secret message he had written to 'the dealer' in Rio, but the shock was too much, he could not find it, he tore into his hand luggage, but to no avail.

The inspector, tore open the envelope, could not decipher it, so took it back to the police station, to 'decode it'.



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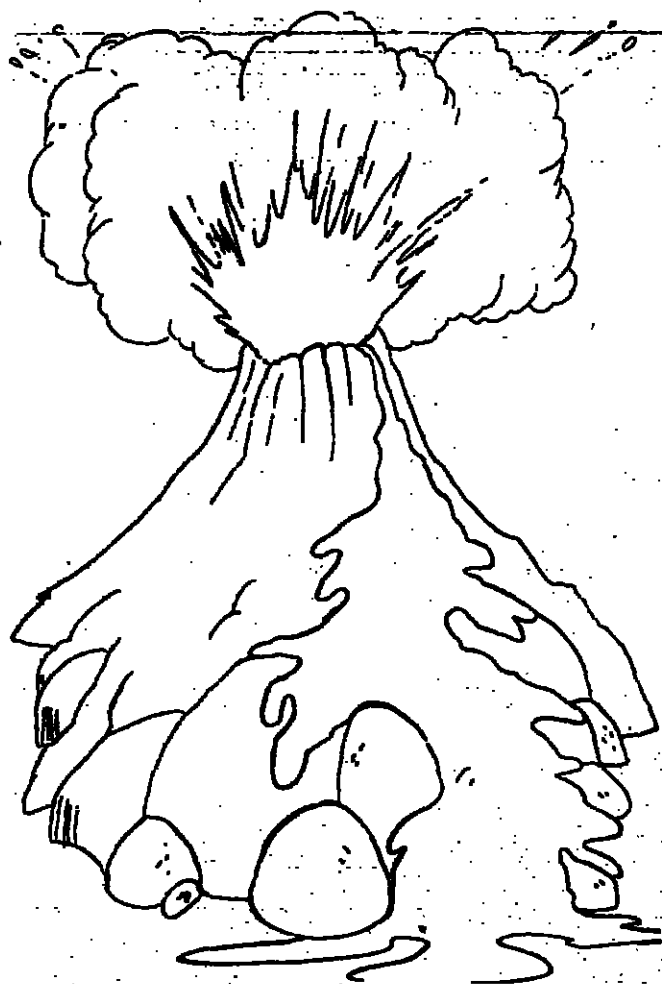
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7 8 20 6 18 15 13  
18 1 2 1 20 19 1 20 5  
18 4 1 25..

18 15 7 5 18 20 8 5  
18 15 2 2 5 18..

Can you help the inspector to decode the secret message and help him catch the robber?.....

Can you guess how he did it, when all they found was a bit of rope? Here's how to unlock the code: A=1 B=2 and C=3 and so on right through to Z.

## Colouring time



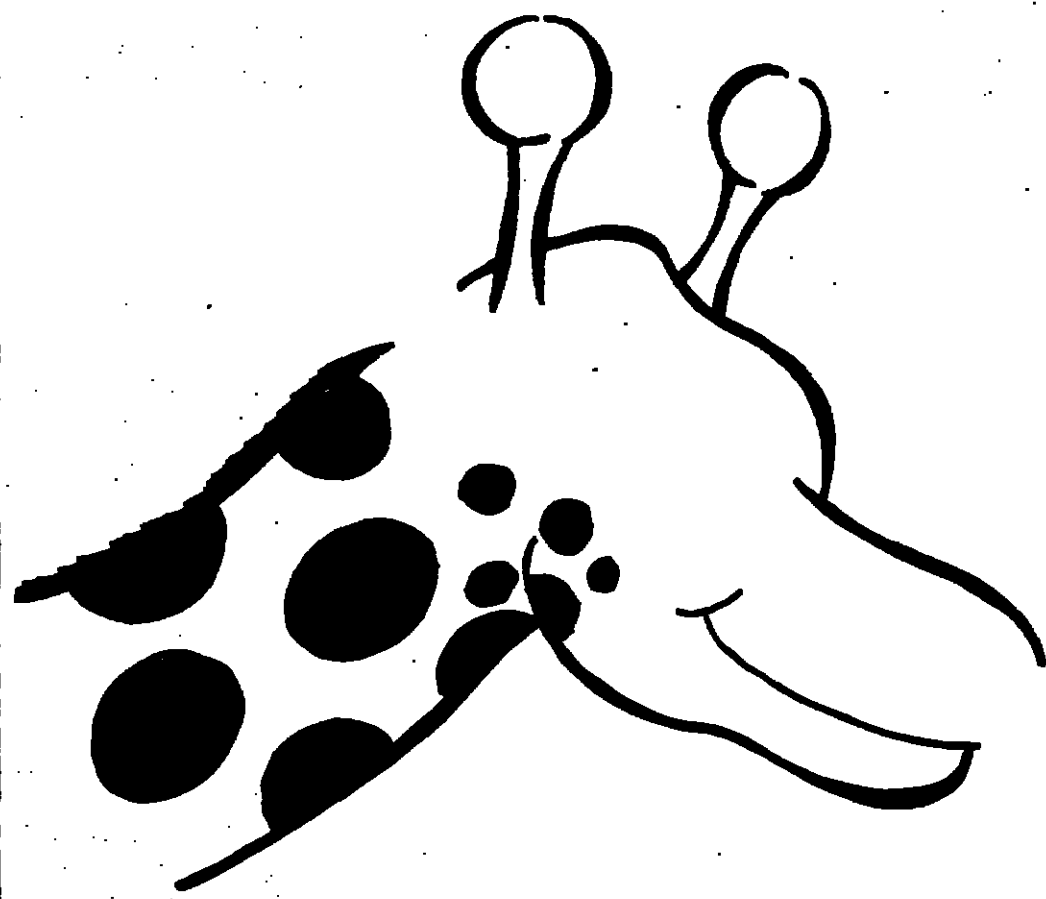
## Guess who!

Do you know which animal this is?

Write down its name.

Draw eyes, ears, and a nose on it.

Colour it.



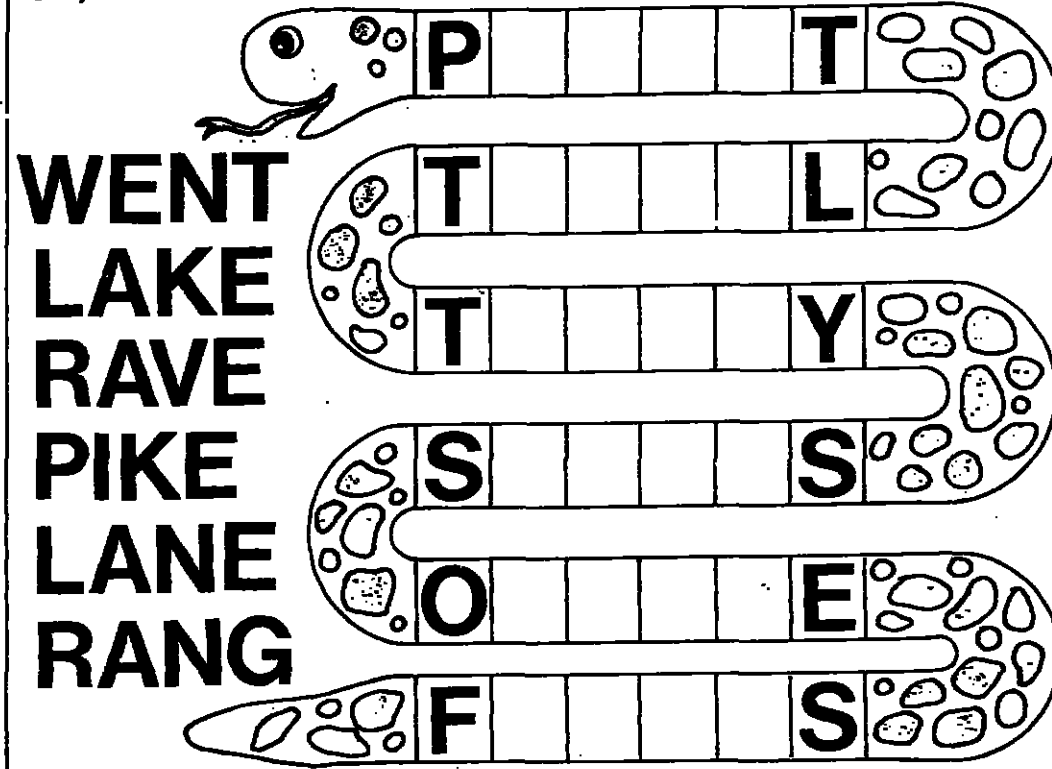
## Dear Junior Readers,

On Halloween, the night when, according to folklore, witches, devils, fairies, hobgoblins and all the imps of the earth and air hold their annual holiday, so many many years ago, people lit fires to keep these creatures away, but nowadays, the fires are only used for roasting chestnuts.

It is still traditional to dress up for the famous Halloween parties though, where the famous game of ducking for apples in floating water. These have to be caught between the player's teeth. The size of the apple you catch is supposed to show the size of your future fortune...so good luck!

Manal

Can you fit in the four-letter words to make six, six-letter words?



## Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?

Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?

Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.

The details we need are:

Name: .....

Date of birth: .....

School: .....

Hobbies: .....

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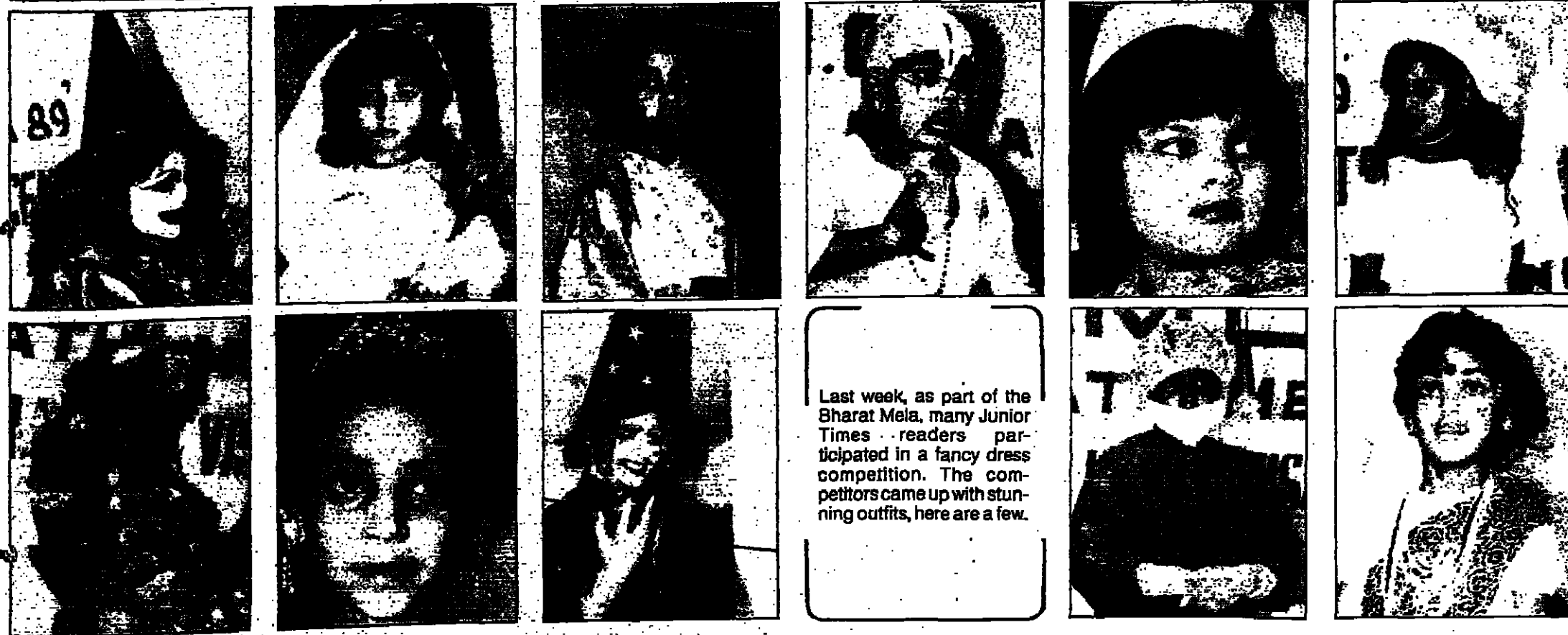
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Last week, as part of the Bharat Mela, many Junior Times readers participated in a fancy dress competition. The competitors came up with stunning outfits, here are a few.





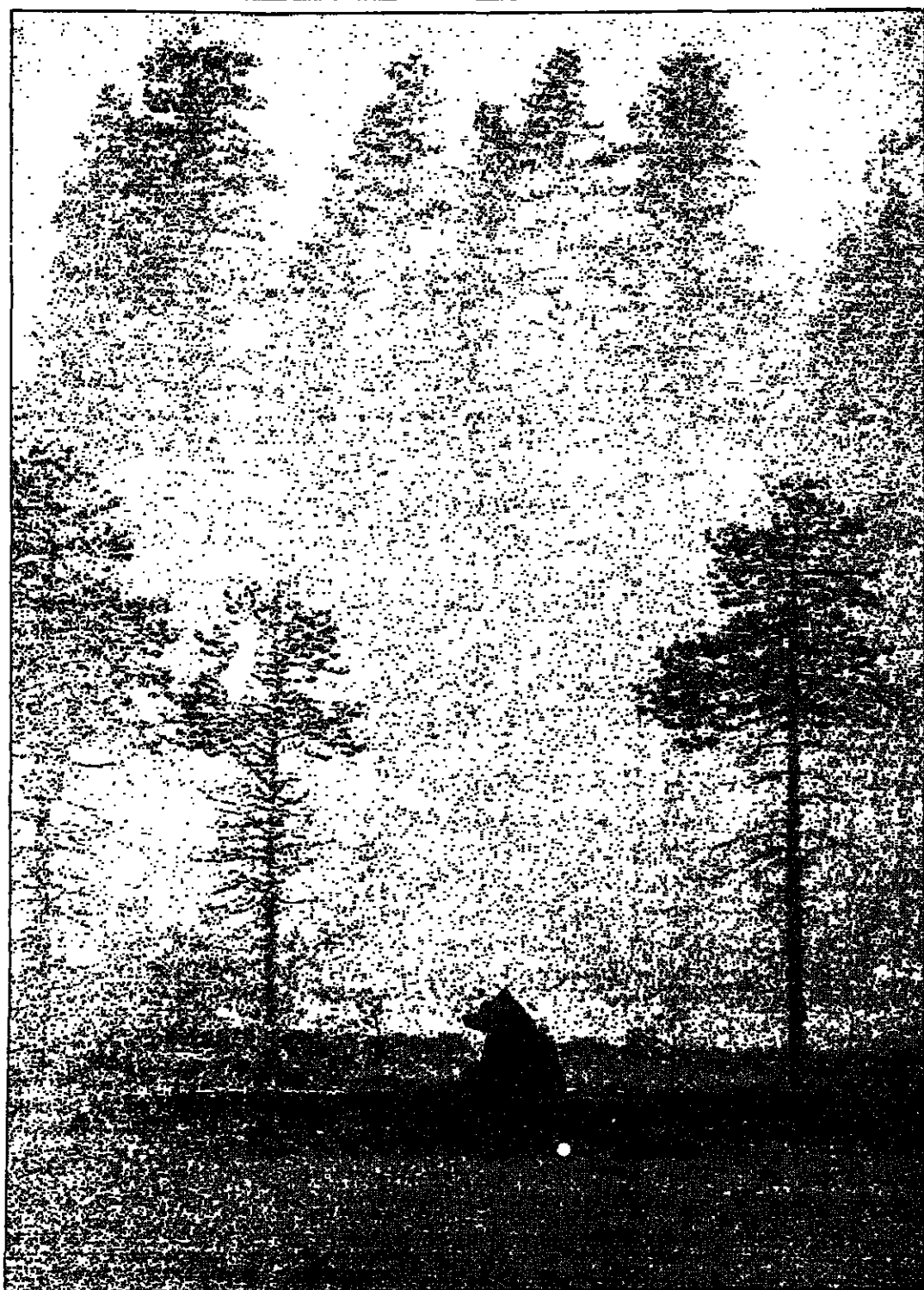


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## Pictures of the Wild

SWEDES live close to nature. Compared to cities in continental Europe or the United States even Sweden's largest communities are relatively small, and there are always sea or lakes, forests, meadows or marshlands in their immediate vicinity. The centre of Stockholm is only 15 kilometres away from a playground for capercaillies.

The main part of the population has been urbanised over the last couple of generations, but the old links with the countryside — cultivated land and wild nature — have not been cut. As a matter of fact, nature continues to play a prominent role in Swedish culture, and the preservation of the country's endowments of wildlife, lakes and mountain areas is increasingly becoming a public concern.

Under the auspices of HM the King of Sweden, the outstanding collection of contemporary Swedish Wildlife and Nature photography will be exhibited at the SAS Hotel in Kuwait.

Dr Farouk Al Omar, Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters and HE the Ambassador of Sweden to Kuwait will open the exhibition on Saturday, October 21. It will last

for two weeks.

The exhibition is being organised by the Swedish embassy. It will focus on the tradition of genuine unaltered nature reportage in 59 coloured photographs.

Swedish nature photography tries solely to document the animals in the Swedish environment and to create the genuine atmosphere around the animals. This type of work won widespread recognition among nature photographers in many countries.

The photographs have been exhibited at well-known natural history museums in France, America, Canada and other countries, receiving extensive publication in photographic press.

Most of the photographs have been taken by the Swedish Hasselblad camera which was originally built by Viktor Hasselblad specifically to answer the need of bird photographers.

The exhibition has been produced by the Swedish Institute and the Association of Swedish Nature Photographers.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.30 Cartoons  
9.40 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety  
9.50 Open University: Cultural programme  
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.25 Rajal Fi Al Masyada: Arabic serial (final part), starring Younis Shalabi, Suad Naser and Naeema Al Sagher  
12.00 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety  
12.15 Hiwar Wa Nagham: Local programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader  
1.00 News summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Sports in a Week: Local programme  
3.15 Variety  
3.30 Liqa Al Kamees: Variety programme  
5.00 Al Forsan Al Thilatha: Cartoon serial (Part 20)  
5.30 Cartoons  
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements  
6.00 Al Tareeq Ila Al Qos: Historical serial (Part 18)  
7.00 Egypt's message to the State of Kuwait  
7.15 Al Forsaniya: Local programme  
7.45 Kul Al Fonoon: Variety programme  
8.30 Maa Al Islam: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Dr Khaled Al Mathkoor  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Al Mokafaa: Arabic serial (Part 1), starring Talat Hamdi, Tayseer Al Sadi and Najah

- Hafeeth  
10.45 Ila Omi: Arabic feature film, starring Iham Shaheen, Mohsen Mohyi Al Deen, Sameera Mohsen, Waheed Saif  
12.30 Special variety  
1.30 News summary  
1.35 The World Today via Satellite  
2.00 Holy Quran and Closedown

### FRIDAY

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.25 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Children's Magazine: Local programme  
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Mawdoos: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Salah Abu Ismael  
11.00 Friday Prayers and speeches, live from the Grand Mosque  
12.30 Alwan: Variety programme, prepared by Mohammed Saeed Faraj, presented by Fatma Abdul Wahab  
1.00 News summary  
1.05 The World Today via Satellite  
1.30 Friday Break: Variety programme, prepared and presented by Kuwait Television variety control  
3.30 Daqat Al Sa'a: Comedy serial (Part 3), starring Sameer Ghanem, Isaad Younis, Hala Sidqi and Osama Abbas  
4.15 Haddeth Dinec: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Mohammed Mitwali Al Sharawi  
5.00 Al Forsan Al Thilatha: Cartoon serial (Part 20)  
5.45 Night chemists, airlines and official

- advertisements  
6.00 KTV programmes in a week  
6.30 Kuwait in a Week: Local programme  
7.45 Silk Road: Cultural programme (Part 3)  
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osbo'a: Religious programme, presented by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.45 Wrestling  
10.30 Variety cultural late night show, with show guest Dr Abdul Salam Al Ojli, prepared and presented by Amal Abdullah  
11.45 News summary  
11.50 The World Today via Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 Fantastic Max: a cartoon series for children  
6.30 The Wizard's World: A variety of magical illusions and information for children  
7.00 Wild America: "Wild Texas" Texas has different climates, various types of animal life  
7.30 "My Secret Identity": "A walk on the Wild Side." A woman's handbag is stolen in the suburb supermarket. Andrew uses his secret power to find it  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Treasure Island: "John Silver" the lame pirate and his team move on board spaceship "Hispaniola". Jimmy has to serve in captain's cabin  
9.30 Just for the Record.



KTV2, Thursday 9.30 — Just For The Record.

- The strangest house... The best discobolus in Australia.  
10.00 Annie McGuire: "Emma's Eviction." Annie helps her mother against the landlord who plans to demolish the building.  
10.30 Feature film: "Touched." Starring: Kathleen Beller, Ned Beatty, Gilbert Lewis.  
12.00 News in brief  
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite  
6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 Macron I. A cartoon series for children  
6.30 Walt Disney: "Herby Goes Bananas." "Bet" and "D.J." purchase a race car and ship onboard a vessel sailing to "Rio" where a run away child is found inside its box... What is the secret of the boy?  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait.  
8.45 Young Charlie Chaplin. Charlie realises success is on stage and moves to New York in 1910 where he appears at the Colonial Theatre... His success is such that Mack Sunniff offers him a Hollywood star.  
9.30 The Weekend Programme.  
10.00 Rosanne. "Dan" returns home hungry where he finds no food... His wife Rosanne suggests dinner at a restaurant.  
10.30 UNSAB. "Daddy Dearest." The C.I.D. carries out its investigations to find out the reason for the murder of Kramer at his house.  
11.30 News in brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

## Jail visits

MEMBERS of the executive board of Flaskik and other supporters visited the Filipinos detained at the Dahia Abdullah Al Salem Police Station. These visits are under co-ordination between Flaskik and the Philippine Embassy's Welfare Office and the office of the labour attaché.

Flaskik encourage the less fortunate Kababayan and support them with basic necessities.

Meanwhile, Munira who was confined to Adan Hospital due to maltreatment from her employer will be going home with a healing fracture and compensation.



## CINEMA

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## WHAT'S ON

### ARTS

#### Islamic Art

A SIX week - 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon, October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week - eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

### SOCIAL

#### Navellon Youth Centre

NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom - Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex - 2426334, Mr Marian - 2416945

#### Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

#### Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41 4310913 after 5 pm.

### Deep Dwell

OCT 19, at 7.00 pm: Indian Arts Circle. Funaities. Organised by Satkaar, a musical evening with dances, songs and a brief comedy drama, to celebrate the festival of lights - Deepawali. For invitation cards, contact: Rajpal Tyagi, 5623545; Pushpender Sharma, 5620810.

### British Council

Woody Woodpecker and His Friends: Wednesday, Oct 18 at 6.00 pm; Thursday, Oct 19 at 10.30 pm. Meet the fast-talking Woody Woodpecker and his friends: Buzzard, Chilly Willy, Wally Walrus and Andy Panda. Join them in their full-filled adventures and have a great time!

Free admission but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204 and 2533227.



### SAS Hotel's piano virtuoso

Manny Tupas, SAS Kuwait Hotel's piano virtuoso, plays for guests relaxing in the hotel's plush lobby area early in the evenings. Manny then goes on to entertain guests dining in the Peacock Room and the Bistretto restaurant.

### IAC Reception

THE Indian Arts Circle will host a reception to welcome the new Indian Ambassador, Arun Budhiraja and his wife on Oct 21 at 7.30 pm. All IAC members are requested to contact the manager for invitation cards.

### Daniella BBQ

OCT 19: 7 pm. Daniella starts social season with BBQ Evening at the Gazelle Club. For reservations please call Karen-Marie - 3715146; or Winnie - 5733382 before Oct 17.

### Kuwait Kannada Koota

NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/574-5483/3714089.

### Condolence meeting

A condolence meeting will be held on Oct 19, Thursday at 6.00 pm in the premises of Bangladesh embassy in Kuwait, by the Shatadal cultural group for the late famous singer Hemanta Mukherjee and the distinguished litterateur Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal. A cultural function will follow the programme. All are cordially invited.

### Flaskik's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flaskik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridian Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flaskik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flaskik enjoys the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween

night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flaskik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flaskik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie - "Thriller." Flaskik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flaskik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flaskik supporters. Tickets are available at K.D.S in various outlets: Bobby's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durrani International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flaskik Pro Rose Formantes, Veep Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel. 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz, Tel. 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel. 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dumbo Tel. 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel. 4572549.

### British Council

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a story-telling session on Thursday at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of books. The Education Information Office will be open on Oct 21 and 22 will give detailed information about training in Britain in hotel and catering;

hair-dressing, secretarial studies, beauty therapy and other courses.

### Narhane

AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narhane" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/24-61589/5643126.

### Sultan Gallery

A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

### Breeze 89

Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casmiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

### Ladies International League

THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a

foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

Upcoming events: Newcomers meeting: October 30 1989 Surra - For further information please phone Neera, 3914503 or Dianne, 5335598

Bazaar: November 2 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel) Safat Room.

1st 'Big' meeting: November 6, 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace)-Al-Bida Room.

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL. Ladies International League Bazaar to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Also, tents and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

### People's Trust Club

DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelty and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

### Jazz Night

OCT 18: Jazz Night, featuring June Woolston (vocals), at Messiah Beach Hotel, Al Amal, at 8 pm. Also features Highspirits with Jack (tenor sax). For further details call 5640981.

### Carnatic Music

"Carnatic Music by Shri Maharaajapuram Santhanam: The Music Performance will be held on 17th October 1989 at Indian Embassy Hall auditorium at 7.30 pm. For collecting your entry passes, please contact: 4898891, 5627718, 5631230, 5612114, 3920820, 3718353."

### Palestinian exhibition

The General Union of Palestinian Women will be holding its 13th General Palestinian Folklore Exhibition at the Special Hall of the International Fairgrounds in Mishef. The exhibition will be on Tuesday Oct 24, 6-9pm, Wednesday and Thursday (25 and 26) at 10-1 and 4:30-6:30 and Friday 27 at 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 8 pm.

### Magie show

NOV 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait, internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

### Bengali dance drama

The Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged at the Starlight Theatre, Dolha Entertainment City, on Nov 2 and 3. For details please contact: Tel. 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466362.

## SPORTS

### Indoor games

THE Bangladesh Association will hold an indoor games competition in the embassy's premises for chess, bridge, table tennis and carom (ladies and gents separately) from November 9 to 24, '89. Interested participants are requested to contact for registration on or before October 31, '89 with any of the following persons: Zaki

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A CHILDREN'S sports festival will be held on Oct 27 at the University ground, Shuwaikh. All Bangladesh children are eligible to participate. Each participant will be given a free T-shirt. Willing participants are requested to contact any of the following telephone numbers: 4312989, 4312730, 5716586, 3714353, 3626646. All filled-in forms must be deposited by tomorrow (Friday 20).

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## SPORTS

## Graf takes Fendick to task

ZURICH, Oct. 18, (Reuters): World number one Steffi Graf completed the formality of first round victory in the European Indoor Tennis Championships yesterday but said afterwards she was more excited by the prospect of watching Diego Maradona play football.

The top-seeded West German registered a comfortable 6-3 6-3 win over American Patty Fendick in the opening round of the \$250,000 tournament she won in 1986 and 1987.

"I am very pleased with the way I played but it was not a real test. I was somewhat impatient at her because she was so slow in serving. I wanted her to get on with it," Graf said.

"I am more excited at seeing Diego Maradona play here tomorrow for Napoli. He is one of my favourites. The schedule has been arranged to make sure I can see the match."

The Argentine World Cup captain and his side take on Swiss club Wettingen in the second round of their UEFA Cup defence on the day Graf plays South African Dinky van Rensburg in the second round.

Fendick, ranked 24th in the world, held her own in the first set but a service break in the sixth game was enough to enable Graf, wielding her devastating forehand, to take the set in 34 minutes.

The West German overcame early problems with her first serve to conclude the match in just over an hour after racing to a 4-0 lead in the second set.

She took four games to love and fired six aces and eight first service winners.

Third seed Helena Sukova eliminated West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 7-5 6-3 and fifth-seeded fellow-Czechoslovak Jana Novotna accounted for Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-1 6-2.

## Edberg routs Michibata in first round

TOKYO, Oct. 18, (Reuters): World number three Stefan Edberg of Sweden gave free rein to his brilliant serve-and-volley game to score a swift victory over Canada's Glenn Michibata at the \$627,000 Tokyo Grand Prix tennis tournament today.

Top seed Edberg, whose backhand passing shots were also on sizzling form, needed only 62 minutes to defeat the Canadian qualifier 6-1 6-3 in a first-round match in which he dropped only one service game, in the second set.

"I'm quite satisfied with the way I played today. I'm moving well on the court," said the former Wimbledon champion, who was surprisingly beaten by unseeded American teenager Jim Courier in the Basle Grand Prix final two weeks ago.

But Edberg, a finalist at this year's French Open and Wimbledon championships, was worried about his second-round match against John Fitzgerald because the Australian defeated him in the Japan indoor tournament semifinals last year.

"It's going to be a difficult match," said Edberg, who has been among the world's top five since 1985.

In other first-round action, Ronald Agenor of Haiti, ranked 39th in the world, had a tough two-and-a-half hour battle to defeat Japan's number one Shuzo Matsuoka 6-7 (4-7) 6-2 7-5.

## Candlestick Park and Oakland Coliseum sustain damage

## Earthquake hits game three of World Series

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18, (AP): The first Bay area World Series was left in limbo last night, with game 3 postponed and Candlestick Park cracked by the devastating earthquake which rocked northern California.

It was doubtful at best that any game would be played before tomorrow. Baseball officials said a thorough inspection of Candlestick would be conducted today to determine if the stadium was structurally sound for the series between the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics to continue.

Adding to the predicament was the fact that the Oakland Coliseum, just eight miles (12 kilometres) away, is in an area that sustained damage at least as severe and maybe worse in the earthquake which struck about 30 minutes before gametime.

No World Series game has ever been postponed except for weather. Even through World Wars I and II, the Series continued despite rosters depleted by players serving military obligations.

A section of the Bay Bridge itself collapsed, and baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said

the extent of damage to Candlestick would not be known until today. No major injuries were reported.

"There's going to be a full structural engineering check of the entire stadium. That means getting people from San Francisco recreation and parks, the county and Major League baseball officials. We will do an in-depth structural examination of every section of this ballpark," said Jorge Costa, vice-president for stadium operations.

"The determination on what we'll do will be made as soon as we can do that examination. We have been trying to contact the necessary people. But we've been unable to get through to them."

"We lost all power in the stadium and all backup power. We lost all water, too. We've had earthquakes before, obviously, but not an earthquake of this magnitude."

One possibility was that the Series would be moved back to Oakland, where the A's won the first two games Saturday and Sunday. Reports on the condition of the Oakland Coliseum were unavailable.

A section in the upper stands in

right field of Candlestick separated by about six inches, and several cracks ran down the concrete aisle and broke off. Fans were carrying them home as souvenirs.

"The people two to three rows in front of me had big pieces of metal several inches, fall on their heads," said David Guzzetti, a city council member from Chico, Calif. "The light towers were just rocking back and forth. I couldn't believe it."

Oakland manager Tony La Russa was sitting in the dugout and at first "thought it was the fans stamping" their feet.

"I heard (Giants batting coach) Dusty Baker yell 'earthquake,'" San Francisco catcher Terry Kennedy said. "I thought he was kidding and just trying to keep things loose."

Kennedy soon found out the earthquake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter Scale and killed over 200 people, was for real.

"I knew something was wrong when I saw the first base dugout moving," Kennedy said. "My first thought was to look for my wife in the stands."

The catcher said the immediate reaction by players from both teams was nervous laughter and remarks. But the seriousness of the situation became clear when the field started to rumble.

"We found out where the priorities of life are," Kennedy said. "The World Series doesn't mean anything compared to what happened in this city tonight. People were hurt and people lost their homes, it makes me feel sick."

The quake shook buildings in Sacramento, 95 miles (152 kilometres) to the northeast, and was felt as far away as Reno, Nevada, 225 miles (362 kilometres) to the east.

Aftershocks continued at least 45 minutes after the quake struck at 5:05 pm local time (0005 GMT Wednesday). Players stayed on the field for 30 minutes before the game was postponed. Many of them left hand-in-hand with their families.

"You can't stop concrete," Oakland outfielder Dave Henderson said, "forget the World Series."

"I try to be a big tough guy," said 6-foot-3 umpire Eric Gregg, "but I was scared senseless. I couldn't fit under the table and finally I went to stand under some arches."

Oakland slugger Jose Canseco was standing with his wife when the tremor hit. He said he looked up at fans yelling at him and thought, "jeez, look at that. They still want us to play."

"I just want to get my family out of here," said Giants pitcher Mike Krukow, who was holding



Overall view of Candlestick Park after the earthquake. (Reuters wirephoto)

his 2-year-old son, Chase. "All the kids were scared and so was I. It almost knocked me down."

Giants manager Roger Craig, still in uniform, got behind the wheel of his pickup truck and left with eight family members and friends in the back and three more jammed into the front.

Hall of Famer Willie Mays also darted to his car with his wife and friends.

"I was scared," said Mays, who was on the field doing an interview with Joe Morgan at the time of the quake.

Vincent, who became commis-

sioner last month when A. Bartlett Giamatti died of a heart attack, sat in a motor car near home plate in the aftermath of the earthquake.

"You get paid to be calm," Vincent said.

He said he was standing in front of his seat when the tremor hit.

"The ground started to shake, and I shook with it."

Oakland catcher Terry Steinbach was seen on the field comforting his crying wife.

"The stadium must be checked

for cracks. I don't think anybody is in a position to evaluate that now," said Vincent. "We'll get that done tomorrow and try to make judgement early in the day whether we can play tomorrow night."

"We needed to get everybody out of here before it gets dark. That was the governing factor in the decision to call the game," Vincent said, adding that there had been no decision as to where the next three games would be played if it were determined that Candlestick Park was found to be structurally unsafe.

## Mansell to take part in Japan race

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct. 18, (Reuters): Briton Nigel Mansell's return after his one-race ban could provide his future Ferrari team-mate Alain Prost of France with a third World Drivers' Championship at this weekend's Japanese Grand Prix.

Mansell, banned after being disqualified in the black flag controversy at last month's Portuguese Grand Prix, is the only driver to have outraced world champion Ayrton Senna this season and is likely to pose the strongest threat to the Brazilian's bid for victory on Sunday.

Senna, who won the title on the twisting figure-of-eight circuit last year, needs to win to prevent his rival McLaren team-mate Prost, taking the championship. Only a victory for Senna can deprive the Frenchman of the title.

"I know what I have to do and that is to win all the remaining races," said Senna. "I shall try my hardest to do that, but it will be very difficult of course. But I shall not give up until it is impossible for me to retain my title."

Senna's extraordinary determination and undoubted driving skills, particularly in qualifying, enabled him to dominate the Spanish Grand Prix at Jerez three weeks ago and keep alive his championship challenge.

Assuming he can produce the same level of performance in Honda's black yard — the Japanese engine makers who supply the power units for his McLaren car own the Suzuka circuit — Senna is capable of taking the title showdown to the season's final race in Adelaide.

But, as Senna has tacitly acknowledged in his reaction to Mansell this season, the British Ferrari driver remains the one real threat to his ambitions and Prost's biggest hope of capturing a third championship.

Mansell comprehensively outwitted Senna in Hungary in August and was on the way to what looked like another certain victory in Portugal last month before the pair collided.

Mansell, having given up his appeals against the disqualification, fine and ban, now wants only to race, in the hope of erasing memories of the wrangles of the last few weeks.

In that mood and in a car which has brought both him and his Austrian team-mate Gerhard Berger a run of impressive results since mid-season, Mansell may hold the key to the outcome of the championship.



Steinbach comforts his wife. (Reuters wirephoto)



Giants players react after the earthquake. (Reuters wirephoto)



An unidentified woman reacts to the shaking. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pakistan favourites for Nehru Cup

NEW DELHI, Oct. 18, (Reuters): With their convincing triumph over West Indies and India in the Sharjah Cup, Pakistan will start favourites for the six-nation Nehru Cup which resumes in India tomorrow.

But with a punishing total of 17 matches to be played in the next 14 days, it will be stamina and freedom from injury that will be the main decider.

Already the Sharjah tournament has taken its toll, particularly on West Indies and Pakistan with the captains of both teams, as well as other

players, nagged by injury.

Pakistan skipper Imran Khan is suffering from back strain which affected his bowling in Sharjah and all-rounder Wasim Akram and vice-captain Javed Miandad have similar problems.

West Indies captain Viv Richards damaged a finger in Sharjah and missed the final match there as did fast bowling spearhead Malcolm Marshall. Their continued absence would be a further blow for a side already demoralised after winning only once in Sharjah

where they had been champions for the previous three years.

With the Nehru Cup venues scattered across this huge country many of the rest days will be taken up with tiring journeys.

Such is the tightness of the schedule that West Indies will be on a cricket field within hours of arriving in the country. They were due in Bombay late today and scheduled early the following morning to fly to Rajkot for a nine am (0330 GMT) start against Sri Lanka.

The other match tomorrow sees old enemies England and Australia pitted against each other in Hyderabad in a repeat of the World Cup final in India two years ago which was won by Australia.

India and Pakistan still have outstanding fixtures in Sharjah on Friday before flying to India the following day for their first matches on Sunday.

England beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in the opening match of the tournament in New Delhi last Sunday.

## Jahangir may retire

SINGAPORE, Oct. 18, (UPI): Jahangir Khan, the greatest squash player of all time is closer to the end of his line after injuring himself during his defeat against Chris Dittmar that cost Pakistan the world team title here yesterday.

The 25-year-old from Karachi admitted today that he hurt his right ankle during his second defeat in two weeks to the left-handed Australian and has always said that he might quit next year if injuries continued to bother him.

So far during 1989, the world number one has had trouble with a knee and an arm. As well as his ankle and also returned to the circuit late August heavier than at any time in his career.

"If it goes on like this then this will be my last year," said the man who once went five and a half years unbeaten and who holds the record

of six world titles.

It is certain that Jahangir will continue until April to try to take the outright record of nine British Open titles after which he would have no remaining major ambitions in the game.

"I would like to carry on for as long as possible because this is my profession," he says. "But I have had injuries recently and if I get more of them, then that would cause me to stop competing."

Jahangir was notably careful not to worsen yesterday's injury by stretching too much in the front part of the court after damaging the ankle in the second game of a 6-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-0 defeat.

He was also cautious not to take the credit away from his skillful opponent, even though the Pakistani felt he had to stop running altogether in the fourth game of the match.

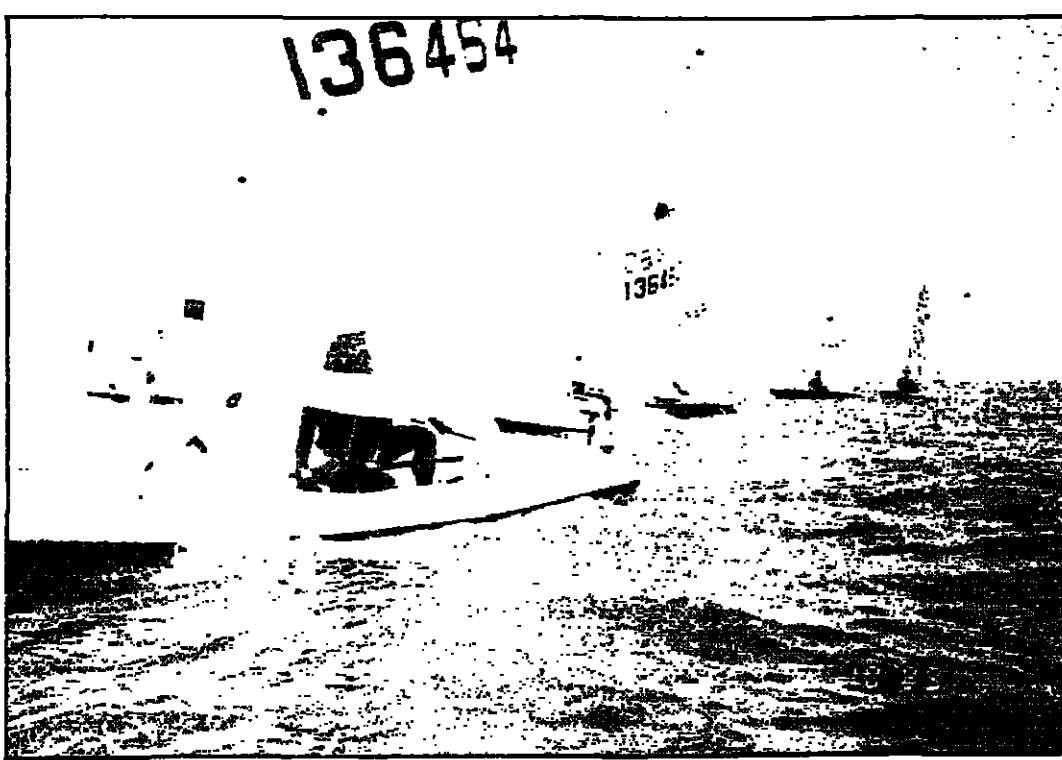
## Gould sails to overall and handicap titles

JIM GOULD took both the overall and handicap titles this week after the concluding races of the Messilah Beach Hotel Laser Club Autumn Series on Friday.

The first race of the day brought a shock for the regular front runners as, soon after the start, Thomas Curanz began to overhauled the boats ahead of him. With only one lap to go the remaining helmsman still in front was Jim Gould, out to consolidate his titles, however the last beat saw a change to the order as Thomas overcame Jim to take line honours.

For the first time the regular format of a triangle and sausage course was not used, instead the course set was square with an extended beat leg, with the aim of testing more points of sailing.

A good turn out of eleven boats jockeyed for position on the start line in light winds and a surprisingly strong current, causing most helmsmen to get off to a slow start, after which most chose to head inshore to avoid tidal effects. Jim Gould broke away to an early lead that appeared insurmountable, with Phil Shepherd, then Thomas Curanz some way behind. Dave Clark made a strong charge through the field having fallen out of his boat and arriving sixth



An action shot of one of the races.

at the leeward mark, but couldn't catch the flying Thomas or Jim, and so had to settle for third across the line.

The second race of the day

started in even lighter airs, which eventually dwindled to almost nothing by the time that the last competitors had crossed the finish line. Once again Jim Gould

took the lead at the start of the race, only to have it taken from him by Thomas, proving that his morning's performance was no fluke, gaining speed and extend-

ing his lead as the remainder of the fleet slowed to a laboured procession, with little drama in the lighter winds. Thomas out-sailed everyone to take line honours, with Jim a solid second amassing enough points over the series to take both titles. Third across the line was Ken Young, giving him his best result ever.

The conclusion of the autumn series sees the overall title going to Jim Gould, with the best aggregated results, with Ian Smith second and Roger Brown taking third place.

The handicap title for the best improvement over expected finishing position also went to Jim Gould, with Siobhan Barker in second place and Thomas Curanz third.

The M.B.L.C. Open event is being held this coming weekend (October 19/20). The event is being sponsored by British Airways, and will consist of a four race series, the first being held on the afternoon of the 19th, and the remaining races tomorrow. Any Laser sailors interested in competing should contact Phil Shepherd for details (tel. 4841513).

M.B.L.C. and Kosa are holding a joint dinner and dance on October 26 at the International Hotel. Tickets are KD7 and may be obtained from Phil Shepherd and Dave Clark (tel. 4845171).

## Ward triumphs twice

BOB WARD, sailing a Fanatic Ultra Cat with a 7.5m<sup>2</sup> sail on the third day of the Autumn Series of the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club, clearly won both races of the day.

With the windless conditions yet again favouring the lighter sailers, heavyweights Ward took advantage of his strength and experience to pump his way around the Olympic triangle course.

Ward's equipment has not won all the six races in the series, as the previous four races were won by Ladislao Pasco borrowing Ward's Mistral Competition SST raceboard.

The current leaders are as follows:

Unlimited class  
1. Steve Kelly 9-1/4, 2. Bob Ward 14-1/2, 3. Mike Quinn 22-3/4, 4. Bob Green 23

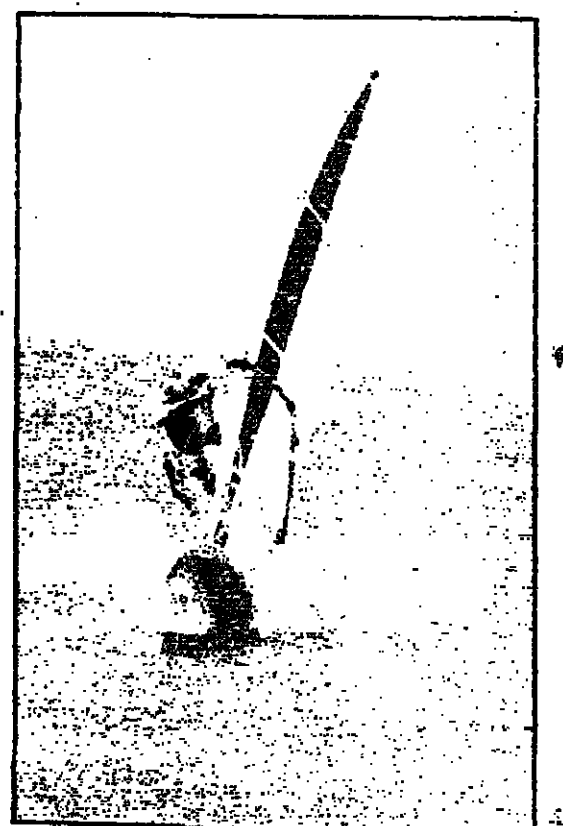
6.5m<sup>2</sup> limited class  
1. Ladislao Pasco 5-3/4, 2. Stevie Hutchinson 17-3/4, 3. Andrew Waters 19

Novice class  
1. Tony Walker 7-3/4, 2. Andre Lindren 22, 3. Dave Peckham 23-3/4, 4. Brian Ashwell 27, 5. Fouad Harakeh 28

Bob Ward or Radical Robert as he is nicknamed must be having his most successful month in over four years of windsurfing, having also recently become Masters champion and overall 2nd in the Messilah Classic.

However, Ward has still a lot to do to win his class as Steve Kelly on his new Mistral Equipe (sponsored by the Sultan Center) is consistently getting good results and is still in first place.

The final regatta of the autumn series is Nov 3. Anyone who want to join the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club should contact Bob Green, tel. 4896000 ext. 3943.



Ward on his way to victory

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British soccer

LONDON, Oct 18, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday.

English Division Two		
Barnsley	1	Sheffield U 2
Hull	0	Oldham 0
Plymouth	3	Leicester 1
Preston	3	Leeds 1
Stoke	2	West Brom 1
Swindon	2	Oxford 0
Watford	2	Bournemouth 0
Wolves	2	Port Vale 0
English Division Three		
Brentford	1	Bolton 2
Bristol City	2	Notts County 0
Bury	1	Swansea 2
Cardiff	1	Accrington 1
Chesham	4	Birmingham 0
Huddersfield	2	Wigan 0
Northampton	4	Blackpool 2
Preston	0	Crewe 2
Reading	3	Pulaski 0
Rotherham	5	Leyton 2
Walsall	0	Shrewsbury 2
Division Four		
Barnley	1	Peterborough 2
Carlisle	1	Doncaster 0
Chesham	4	Scunthorpe 1
Colchester	1	Halifax 3
Grimsby	2	Wrexham 1
Rochdale	1	Gillingham 2
Torquay	4	Exeter 0
Walsall	2	Hartlepool 0
Widnes	2	Widnes 0

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KIFF soccer

THE 1988-89 soccer season of the Kuwait Indian Football Federation (KIFF) comes to a close at the Sour Grounds tomorrow, 6.30 am, as four teams battle for supremacy and the KIFF Super League and the Rolling Trophy. The teams in contention are Salcey United, Goa Cultural Association, Incredible Sports Club and Starline Goans. The games will be supervised by the Indian Football Referees' Association, which will be played simultaneously on adjacent grounds.

Former champion

LONDON, Oct 18, (AP): Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali jokes about fighting current champ Mike Tyson, admitting his time in the ring—and in the spotlight—is over. "The days of wine, women, song, press conference are over. I've had all that," said the 47-year-old Ali, who ended a news conference yesterday by complaining to reporters, "this is so boring."

Gymnastics title

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct 18, (Reuters): A rare perfect mark for Valentina Mogilya helped defending champion the Soviet Union win the team title at the World Gymnastics Championships for the seventh time yesterday.

Olympic job

BUDAPEST, Oct 18, (Reuters): Britain's Princess Anne, tipped as a possible challenger for the leadership of the Association of Summer Olympic Sports Federations (ASOIF), as described yesterday by a senior athletics official as too inexperienced for the job.

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game held on Saturday:

- N/S
1. Mousa Mousa & Ahmed Tawil
  2. Nabil Akel & Azzam
  3. Saad Suleiman & E. John
- E/W
1. Foad Seyam & Majid
  2. Mrs. Foad & Mr. D. Foad
  3. Lolo Murtawati & Dina Matery
- Results of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament (2nd week) held at the Mesliah Beach Hotel on Monday:
- N/S
1. Dina Matery & Wojtek
  2. Dr. Adel & Sherin
  3. Simon & Salmaan Ali
- E/W
1. Ahmed & Tawil
  2. Yasudvina & Khairaswamy
  3. Tamar John Berkley
- N/S
1. Mrs. Mousa & A. Tawil
  2. Dr. Hassan Zaid & Qutian
  3. Meonchi & Zanari
- E/W
1. Latala & Harris
  2. Ravi & Mukhejee
  3. Nisar & Haque

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# Shilton's shadow hangs over English goalkeeping

LONDON, Oct 18, (Reuters): If there is one English footballer who could walk into any World Cup team at next year's finals, it would be Peter Shilton.

Dependable as ever at 40, Shilton showed against Poland last week he will have a crucial bearing on the extent to which England prosper in the final series in Italy. Shilton's agility and judgement saved his side from considerable embarrassment

against the fast-running Poles and the player himself believes he can stay at the top for three more years.

Suddenly, however, more than one respected voice has suggested that Shilton's continued monopoly in the English goal might actually be counter-productive.

What happens if the great man is injured is a question few in the England hierarchy are prepared to contemplate.

Ray Clemence, Shilton's contemporary who won 61 caps in goal for England at a time when the two players made alternate appearances, knows more than anyone the importance of having a capable understudy available should the unthinkable happen.

"A World Cup quarterfinal is no place for an inexperienced goalkeeper," he said, evoking memories of a painful precedent for

England fans.

In 1970 when the revered Gordon Banks went sick before England's quarterfinal against West Germany in Mexico, poor Peter Ronetti, no mean goalkeeper but short of experience in the cauldron of international soccer, received much of the blame for defeat.

An injured finger or a stomach upset in Italy could easily sideline Shilton at a crucial

stage and, to date, current England manager Bobby Robson has given little indication that the Bonetti saga could never happen again.

The spotlight, however, seems destined to shift towards several younger hopefuls over the coming months, whether or not Shilton stands aside voluntarily.

Chris Woods, Glasgow Rangers' highly-rated goalkeeper, has been Shilton's under-

study for five years but has played only seven full games for his country and is now 30 years old.

England's other squad goalkeepers are David Seaman of Queen's Park Rangers, who made his only full appearance in a 1-1 draw against Saudi Arabia in November 1988, and Chelsea's Dave Beasant, an unconventional giant who has yet to progress beyond the substitutes bench.

## Dortmund held to draw Sampdoria score late goal

DORTMUND, West Germany, Oct 18, (Agencies): A late mistake cost Borussia Dortmund a victory over Italian club Sampdoria in the European Cup Winners Cup last night, as the West German's settled for a 1-1 home draw in the first leg of the second round.



Dortmund's Frank Mills (left) dribbles around Sampdoria's Pietro Mannini. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dortmund's chances of reaching the third round nosedived as an error by fullback Thomas Kroth left Sampdoria striker Roberto Mancini free in front of Dortmund's goalmouth in the 88th minute. Mancini fired over Dortmund keeper Wolfgang de Berr to earn the 1-1 draw.

A bewildered Andreas Moeller spoke for his whole team minutes after match.

"We played well, so it's all the more irritating to get a late goal," he said.

Dortmund had several good chances in the first half of the match, marred by several fouls, but seemed too nervous, despite the support of more than 40,000 fans.

Midfielder Michael Schulz, serving a suspension in the West German League, came to a fine header after a cross by Martin Driller in the 32nd minute, but Sampdoria keeper Pagliuca denied him a goal.

Scottish international Murdo MacLeod was outstanding for Dortmund, delivering one of his best midfield performances yet for his West German club.

But Dortmund found itself baffled by Sampdoria's attack, led by strikers Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Mancini.

As Dortmund's efforts abated 20 minutes into the first half, Sampdoria bounced back. Defender Carboni missed the goal by inches after a superb solo in the 28th minute. Vialli, who otherwise did not give an outstanding performance, stretched for the ball but came too late to

net.

The start of the second half saw Sampdoria's pushing hard to break Dortmund's resistance with an early goal.

Dortmund survived unscathed, cut itself loose and pushed ahead with captain Michael Zorc's fine header in the 60th that provoked a superb save by Sampdoria's Pagliuca.

Four minutes later Dortmund's Juergen Wegmann pushed the ball across the line from five meters after Martin Driller had tried twice from within the penalty area.

Once in the lead, Dortmund dominated, Sampdoria, until Mancini's goal left the Italians

level going into the return leg, to be played on their home pitch in Genoa.

In Monte Carlo, Dynamo Berlin of East Germany and Monaco played to a scoreless draw yesterday in a second-round, first-leg match of the European Cup Winners Cup soccer tournament.

Dynamo wasted its two best opportunities in the second half when Heiko Bonan came in ahead of the defense on Monaco goalie Jean-Luc Ettori. The first time Bonan was on the left flank and shot from about 15 metres out and was wide in the 55th minute.

Five minutes later Bonan had

a fairly clear path in front of Ettori, but his shot lacked power and Ettori handled it easily.

Monaco put up two final attempts in the last 10 minutes. Marcel Dib booted a line drive that Dynamo goalie Bodo Rudwaleit knocked down at eye level. Two minutes later Fabrice Poulain advanced but Rudwaleit got in the way.

In the first half, Monaco had the better chances but failed to get any past the Dynamo goalie. In the 25th minute Ramon Diaz had a free kick that got past the East German wall but faltered near the net.

Five minutes later George Weah, who starred in the last Monaco European Cup game when he scored twice and assisted on another, was able to get a good leg on the ball while being bothered by a defender. But the kick was gobbled up by goalie Rudwaleit.

In Belgium, Antwerp beat Dundee United of Scotland 4-0 (3-0) in the first leg of the second round in the European UEFA Soccer Cup last night.

Handicapped German midfielder Ralf Gellienkirchen opened the score at 21 minutes. Gellienkirchen had twisted an ankle, and it had been uncertain whether he would play.

Dutch midfielder Frans Van Rooy, coming back after a suspension, scored again one minute and 8 minutes later to give Antwerp a 3-0 lead at half-time.

Nico Claess completed the Belgian victory with a fourth goal at 63 minutes.

In Austria, Vienna and Olympiakos of Piraeus, Greece, played to a 2-2 (1-1) draw in a first-leg, second-round match in the UEFA Soccer Cup. The result meant that the Austrians are unlikely to make it into the third round.



Sheikh Fahd talking to representatives of the Islamic societies.

## Libya to attend Games

LIBYA has decided to participate in the Peace and Friendship Games, scheduled to be held in Kuwait from Oct. 30-Nov. 12. Libya's participation in the Games was announced by the Higher Organising Committee for the Championship.



success of the event. Everyday he attends a number of meetings and also talks to a number of high officials to ensure that all the efforts are being co-ordinated towards one end — the success of the Games.

Today Sheikh Fahd is scheduled to meet Col Ali Yaqooq, the assistant director of the Police Academy. They were expected to discuss the co-ordination necessary for the opening ceremonies of the Games.

The organising committee has decided to organise cultural and religious exhibitions at various hotels where the visiting delegations will be staying.

The decision to hold these exhibitions came after meeting between Sheikh Fahd and representatives of various Islamic committees in Kuwait. The representatives of these societies expressed their full backing for this project. These exhibitions will also reveal the activities of these societies outside Kuwait.

It also announced that the Abdul Aziz Al Khateeb stadium at the Al Arabi Club is almost ready, after a lot of repairs, to hold the handball matches of the championship.

Making this announcement, Sheikh Fahd said that the handball court would also be used during a friendly match between Kuwait and a Yugoslavian team.

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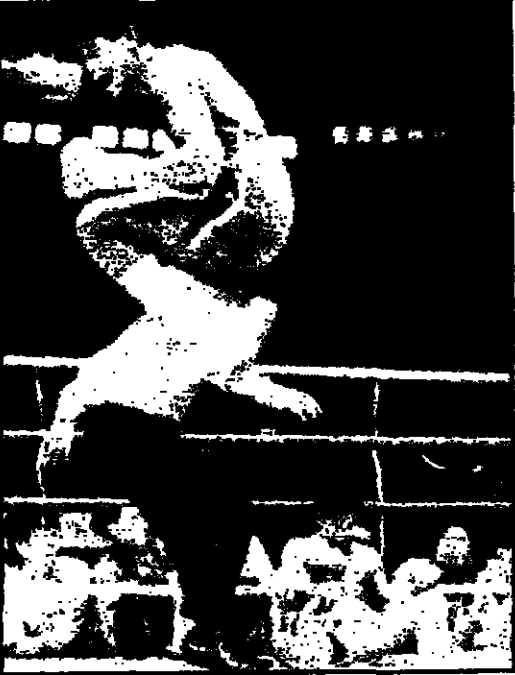
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## Espinosa takes WBA title



Espinosa jumps high in the air while Galaxy lies on the floor. (Reuters wirephoto)

BANGKOK, Oct 18, (Reuters): Luisito Espinosa of the Philippines took the World Boxing Association (WBA) bantamweight title from Khaokor Galaxy of Thailand today when the referee stopped the fight after an extraordinary collapse by the champion in the first round.

Espinosa caught the stocky, hard-hitting Thai with three sharp lefts to the head in the first minute of the fight, but none was apparently hard enough to stun him.

As the fighters shaped up for another exchange, however, the 30-year-old Thai collapsed backwards, his head bouncing on the lower ropes, and referee Enzo Montero of Venezuela immediately signalled the fight was over.

"I don't know what happened. I just blacked out," Khaokor said after being helped to his feet. It was the first crack at the title for the California-based Espinosa, 22, who was ranked ninth. Although the Filipino landed a few good blows, neither he nor Khaokor, who usually starts slowly, had a chance to get into a rhythm.

Khaokor, whose twin brother Khaosai holds the WBA junior-bantamweight title, had regained his crown by battering South Korea's Moon Sun-Kil to a points defeat in July.

It was the first time a Thai had failed in a championship fight at Bangkok's Rajdamnern stadium, whose packed crowd was stunned by Khaokor's sudden collapse.

## Karpov and Timman in chess final

LONDON, Oct 18, (Reuters): Former Soviet champion Anatoly Karpov, playing his finest game in the World Chess Championship semifinals, bested compatriot Arbur Yusupov yesterday and will face Jan Timman of the Netherlands in the final.

Karpov took the initiative after an uninspired game by Yusupov, who fell behind on the clock and made a mistake on his 18th move which ultimately cost him the eighth and final game.

The game was a Lasker's defence in the queen's gambit and followed theory until the 17th move, when Yusupov found himself in trouble. Yusupov, facing a time scramble in a hopelessly lost position, made time control in the 40th move, but resigned 13 moves later.

The contest between Timman and Britain's Jon Speelman produced a fascinating and complex game. For much of the time, Speelman, playing black, had the advantage. But on the 22nd move, he completely overlooked the possibility of Timman employing a particular knight manoeuvre. When the dust settled, Timman was a pawn ahead and in a superior position.

## MUC clinch KBRC Trophy

MUC took the Kuwaiti British Ready Mix Company (KBRC) Trophy after beating Goa Seven in the finals of the 5th Annual Seven-a-Side Football Festival, organised by Boys Own Club at the Sour grounds earlier this week.

A total of 15 teams took part in the one-day event with MUC beating Rebellions in semifinals and Goa Seven defeating Mangalore.

The final produced no scores in the normal time and the game went into a tie-breaker from which MUC emerged victorious.

V.K. Vohra, president of Blue Wings Sports Club was the chief guest and gave away the prizes. John D. Silva was given the Man of the Match award. The referees were also given medals.

A large holiday crowd stayed at the Sour grounds until the end of the event to see the football festival.



The MUC captain (right) receives the trophy from V.K. Vohra.

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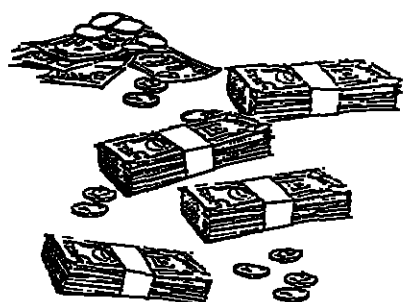
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- \* Maximum Benefit per person should not exceed his/her monthly income.
- \* Maximum Amount for Unemployed Spouse is \$1,000.
- \* Maximum Lifetime Income Amount under all your Personal Accident Policies with ALICO should not exceed \$3,000 a month.
- \* Maximum Principal Sum under all your Personal Accident Policies with ALICO under Single Premium is \$500,000.

**SAVE 30%!  
APPLY FOR 5 YEARS  
SINGLE PREMIUM**

#### NO OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

You can apply for this coverage at the above special rates regardless of your occupation (except for professional athletes, crew or divers).

#### REMEMBER: BENEFITS ARE UNLIMITED

ALICO's Lifetime Income Plan keeps paying for the entire lifetime of your beneficiary (18 years of age or more) or yours.

Total Minimum Cash Income - 20 years	Monthly Income
\$720,000	\$3,000
\$480,000	\$2,000
\$240,000	\$1,000
\$120,000	\$ 500

And these major cash benefits are available at surprisingly modest rates!

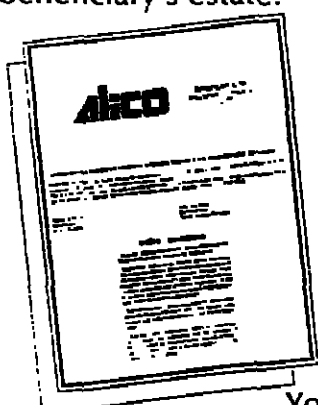


#### Each Spouse Can Protect the Other:

For added safety each marriage partner can be covered. You can name each other as beneficiary, or name your children. A child beneficiary under 18 (at the time of accidental loss of life of the insured) receives benefits for 20 years. Every monthly check will be as much as \$3,000 each.

#### 20 YEARS GUARANTEED MINIMUM

In the event of the loss of life of the beneficiary before receiving the Total Minimum Cash Income (20 years), the balance will be paid to your beneficiary's estate.



You Have No Obligation. You Can Examine Your Policy Yourself For 10 Days, With No Risk, No Obligation and No Cost To You.

#### BENEFITS WILL BE PAID ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

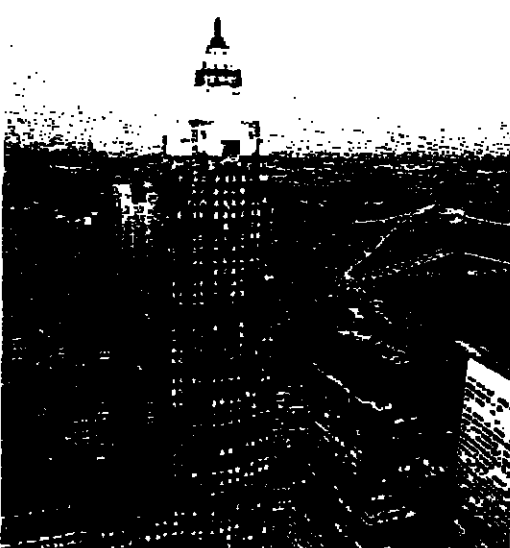
Your beneficiary or you will receive the monthly income at the country of residence, anywhere in the world.

#### YOUR PERSONAL INSURANCE COVERCARD



Applying before midnight of **October 31, 1989**, you will receive your policy and your ALICO Insurance Covercard that gives you discounts at contracted outlets around the Gulf.

Your policy will be issued within 24 hours from the moment we receive it. If you wish to save time, mail or deliver your reservation today, or just call your ALICO agent - he will be happy to welcome you and answer all your questions, without any commitment.



AIG Head Offices - New York

#### THE COMPANY THAT GUARANTEES YOUR PROTECTION

ALICO is committed to delivering innovative Accident and Sickness, and Life coverage at costs that are extremely competitive and value-oriented. For more than 25 years ALICO has provided the finest products to some of the Gulf's most distinguished citizens. ALICO is also a subsidiary of one of the foremost international insurance organisations in the entire world: American International Group (AIG), operating in 135 countries with over \$60 billion in assets.

**BENEFITS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER INSURANCE**

#### THE ANSWERS TO YOUR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

##### Q. Are there exceptions?

A. Just like every insurance plan, there are exceptions to keep its costs down. Here are the few exceptions: Suicide or self-inflicted injuries, war, hernia and congenital anomalies.

##### Q. Do I need a Medical Examination To Apply?

A. No, you don't need a medical examination if you can sincerely answer "No" to the few easy health questions.

##### Q. Why Do I Have To Act Now?

A. Because this is a limited time offer expiring on **October 31, 1989**. You will save on the premium, since there will be no surcharge regardless of your occupational classification and a chance to save 30% if you choose the 5 Year Single Premium.

##### Q. How Can I Apply?

A. It's easy. Just fill in the Reservation Form, answering few simple questions, detach and mail it to ALICO along with your first premium. It will be processed immediately.

##### Q. Can I Examine The Policy?

A. Yes, you can examine the policy for ten days. If you are not convinced by its benefits, return it to us immediately. Your money will be refunded in full: No Obligation and No Cost For You.

#### ALICO'S GUARANTEES

- Your acceptance is guaranteed if you are healthy and under age 60.
- Your money will be refunded in full if you change your mind and write back or call us within 10 days of receiving your policy.

#### 3-WAY GUARANTEED PROTECTION:

1. In case of accidental death, the beneficiary will receive a lifetime income.
2. In case of permanent partial disability due to accident (i.e. dismemberment, loss of sight, speech or hearing), the Insured gets a lifetime income.
3. In case of permanent total disability\* due to accident, the Insured gets a lifetime income.

\* Permanently and totally disabled for 12 consecutive months and beyond hope of recovery, and therefore unable to engage in any occupation that you are qualified for by training, experience or education.

#### EASY TO APPLY!

Select the plan that suits your needs best, fill in the Reservation Form below and mail it to ALICO, today, along with your first premium, or deliver it to your local ALICO agent. Better yet, call him or call ALICO.

#### My Reservation for ALICO's "Lifetime Income Plan"

Yes, I want the ALICO Lifetime Income Plan Policy.

My Name (Proposed Insured): First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Address: P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

My Spouse's Name (if to be insured): \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Spouse's Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Confidential health questions for all applicants:

1. Are you or your spouse suffering from any disease or have any functional impairment or receiving any treatment?  
☐ YES ☐ NO

If Yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you or your spouse been treated or told you have diabetes, abnormal blood pressure, any disorder or disease of the heart, lung, kidney, cancer or any other disease or injury?  
☐ YES ☐ NO

If Yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mention other Policy Numbers you hold with ALICO: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mode of Payment: ☐ 5 Years ☐ Annual ☐ Semi-Annual

5. Plan selected: For myself plan \_\_\_\_\_ For my spouse plan \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM, ALONG WITH YOUR FIRST PREMIUM, BEFORE THE EXPIRY DATE OF **October 31, 1989**.



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